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U.S. to store arms in Israel

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Both Israeli and American officials have expressed satisfaction with U.S. Defence Secretary Dick Cheney's two-day visit here last week, which ended with an announcement that the United States will store some $200 million of American weapons in Israel.

Other areas of military co-operation announced during Cheney's trip include U.S. decisions to finance 72 per cent of the second-stage development costs of the Arrow anti-missile missile and to provide Israel with another 10 F-15 jet fighters.

Some $100 million of weapons and ammunition, approved some years ago, is now being delivered to Israel for what is called "prepositioning." Delivery, scheduled some time ago, was delayed because of the Persian Gulf War.

An additional $100 million has been authorized by Congress, but details of its composition have yet to be worked out, according to Danny Naveh, spokesman for Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

Cheney and Arens met for two hours on May 30. At a news conference following the meeting, the U.S. defence secretary said he had told his Israeli counterpart that the United States would cover 72 per cent of the costs of the second stage of research in the development of the Israeli-designed Arrow, which is known in Hebrew as the Hetz missile.

Israel will pick up the other 28 per cent of the four-year project, whose total cost is estimated to be at least $340 million.

Cheney said the United States also would provide Israel with 10 additional F-15 jet fighters, taken from U.S. weapons stocks no longer needed in Western Europe. The Bush administration is doing this under authority granted by Congress last fall to provide Israel with $700 million in "drawdown" weaponry from Western Europe.

The F-15s are the older "A" and "B" models, and not the advanced F-15E, Cheney stressed at the news conference. They are air-defence weapons with limited offensive capabilities, and they are less advanced than F-15s already in Israel's arsenal.

The announcement of the F-15s and the Arrow financing struck some critics of administration policy as odd, coming as it did a day after U.S. President George Bush unveiled a major new arms control initiative for the Middle East.

But Cheney, as well as officials at the White House and State Department in Washington, stressed there was no conflict between calling for massive arms control in the region while at the same time continuing to assist Israel in its "legitimate defence needs."

Observers here suggested that while both Cheney and Arens favor arms restrictions, in theory at least, both are also responsible for the development of the weapons industries in their respective countries.

Any cutbacks in arms production and sales would have serious repercussions on their arms industries, which represent a significant force in the industrial sectors of both countries, providing employment and incomes for thousands of workers.

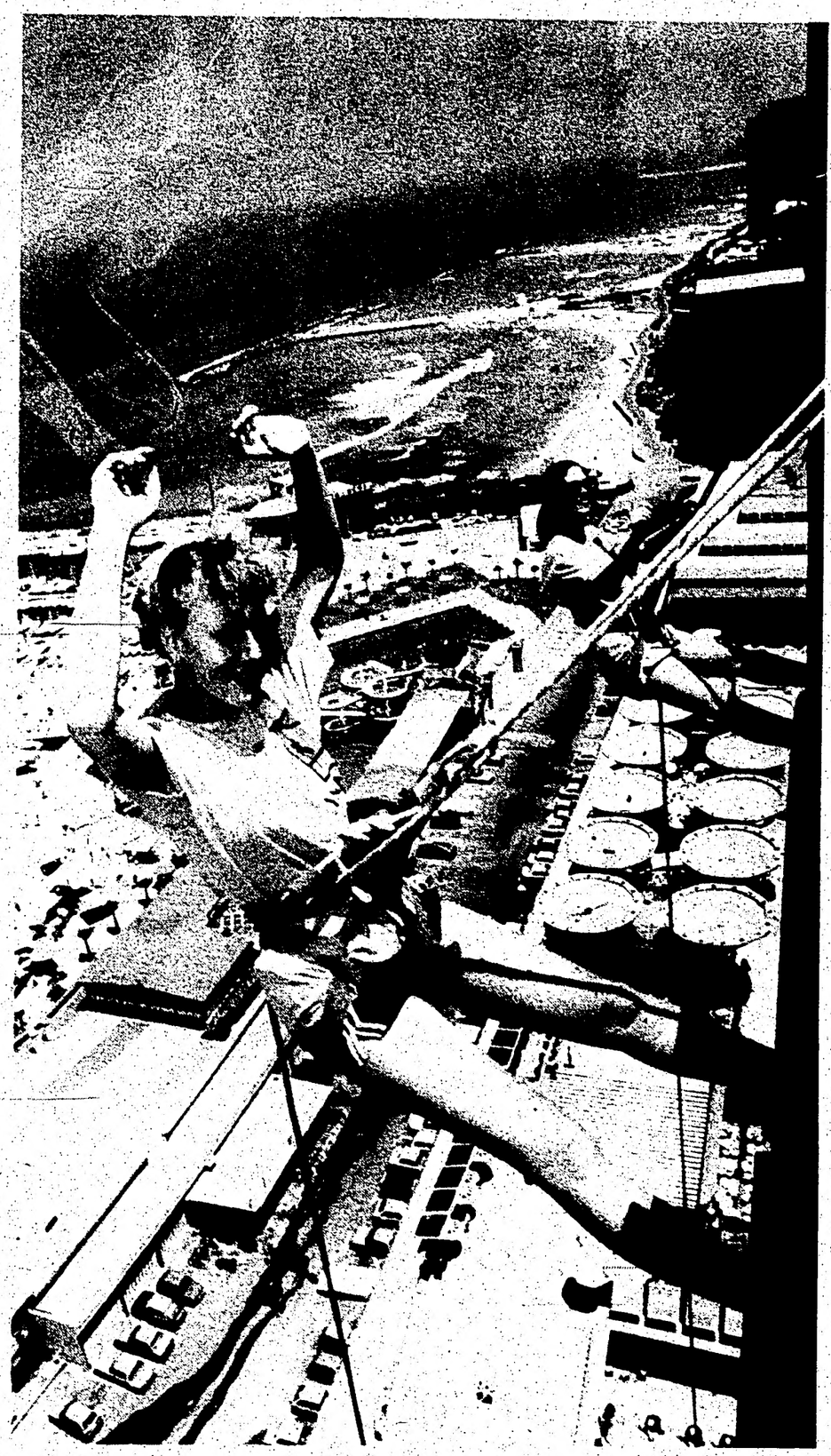
Cheney also met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister David Levy. In addition, he paid a visit to the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and museum in Jerusalem.

Before leaving Israel, the defence secretary was given a birds-eye view of Israel by helicopter, intended to illustrate its small size and defensive vulnerability.

He flew low over Jerusalem's Old City, on a route parallel to the Jordan River, from which he could see the narrowness of the area between Jordan and the Mediterranean. The tour also took him over the old "Green Line" at the foot of the Golan Heights and then to a lookout post near Kibbutz Manara, where he could see Israel's borders with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

Cheney's guide on the tour and at the northern outpost were Maj. Gen. Amnon Shahak, the Israel Defence Force deputy chief of staff, and Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai, commander of the northern sector.

Stressing Israel's security requirements in this region, Mordechai pointed out that Syria has 12 divisions deployed east of the Golan Heights and that they are armed with 2,000 anti-tank weapons.



ENJOYING THE VIEW

Anat Sheffy, 16, of Kiryat Ono, engages in Israel's latest sporting rage, snappling, in which the young, and not so young, lower themselves down cliff faces. Sheffy, seen descending Tel Aviv's Moriah Plaza Hotel, is a member of the Challenge Group, Israel's snappling club. [IPPA photo]

Le CJN va débuter le reportage en français

Le Canadian Jewish News annonce que M. Elias Lévy se joindra au bureau de Montréal le 2 Juillet 1991 en tant que reporter de langue française.

Au cours des trois dernières années M. Lévy a été le coordonnateur du comité IOC (Israel On Campus) du Comité Canada-Israël—Région du Québec. Avant d'assumer ce poste, il était directeur du Département culturel du Centre Communautaire Juif de Montréal (YM-YWHA).

Elias Lévy

Diplômé en Administration des affaires de l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal, M. Lévy est aussi détenteur d'un baccalauréat en administration publique de l'Université du Québec à Montréal et d'une maîtrise en Science politique de l'Université de Montréal. Il a été un collaborateur régulier à Tribune Juive, Dateline Middle East, L'Analyste et La Voix Sépharade.

Le début du reportage en français au Canadian Jewish News est en accord avec notre engagement à servir la communauté juive du Canada dans toute sa diversité.

The CJN to begin reporting in French

The Canadian Jewish News announces that M. Elias Lévy will be joining the Montreal bureau on July 2, 1991, in the capacity of French-language reporter.

For the past three years, M. Lévy has been the coordinator of the Israel On Campus committee of the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec Region. Prior to assuming that post, he was the director of the cultural department of the Centre Communautaire Juif de Montréal, the francophone branch of the YM-YWHA.

A graduate in business administration of the École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal, M. Lévy also holds a BA in public administration from the Université du Québec à Montréal and a master's degree in political science from the Université de Montréal.

He has been a regular contributor to Tribune Juive, Dateline Middle East, L'Analyste and La Voix Sépharade.

The initiation of French-language reporting in The Canadian Jewish News is in keeping with our commitment to serve the Canadian Jewish community in all its diversity.

NEW ISRAELIS

A Soviet Jew reaches out to a young Ethiopian Jew at Israel's Ben Gurion Airport. Both arrived in Israel thanks to UJA. [UJA Press Service Photo / Richard Lobell]

Canada

Operates number of groups and a shelter

JF & CS comes to terms with increases in wife abuse

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Good Jewish men beating their wives?

Just a few years ago, the notion seemed almost impossible to accept. After all, Jewish men are supposed to work diligently, honor their spouses and be home for dinner.

As for rabbis, counsellors and social workers, the problem of wife abuse, even if it was acknowledged to exist in Jewish families, was largely ignored or suppressed. All too often, battered women were told to go home for the sake of *shalom bayit* — peace in the house.

Today, community workers concede the obvious: Jewish families are no more or less susceptible to wife abuse than any other segment of society. The most recent numbers indicate that between one in six and one in eight women *report* abuse from husbands or partners. (The real figure is likely much higher).

According to Jewish Family & Child Service, it's no different in Jewish families, with abuse and battery cutting across religious, social, cultural and economic lines.

In 1990, JF&CS received 176 reports of wife assault, up from 164 the year before. Those numbers may be dwarfed in 1991, as the number of reported incidents was already 129 by the end of March.

And overall, incidents of wife abuse are not decreasing. That was evidenced earlier this month, when Anne Swarbrick, Ontario's minister responsible for women's issues, announced her government will come up with $20 million in new funds to fight violence against women. That will bring to $70 million the amount Ontario will spend on the problem this year alone.

"Lillian," (not her real name), a 29-year-old Jewish woman, scoffs at the widely-held belief that the community is immune to the problem of wife abuse.

"That's the understatement of the century," she told The CJN. "It's out there all right."

Lillian, in relative terms at least, considers herself lucky. Through their stormy seven-year marriage, her 39-year-old husband never physically or sexually assaulted her. But he waged a long and harrowing campaign of what Lillian calls psychological warfare.

"He was constantly belittling me, criticizing, putting down everything I did. There were threats and intimidation. He called me names in front of the children. He would wake me up several times a night to blame me for our problems and ask me what I'm going to do about them."

In the middle of one such episode, Lillian made up her mind to leave. She bundled up her three young kids and headed to the Alternative Short-Term Emergency Housing project, (ASTEH), a three-year-old shelter in North York operated by B'nai Brith Women and JF&CS.

With two bedrooms, a crib, a security system and kosher kitchen, the shelter is intended as a safe, supportive place where a woman can stay for up to 90 days, while more long-range plans are made.

Now living with her children and away from her husband, Lillian attends one of two groups for abused women, run by JF&CS. Once she discovered that other women experienced what she did, her life began to turn around.

"I felt like I belonged," she says. "I started to feel more whole, mainly through the openness of these women. My feelings were finally being recognized."

The groups, which may expand to three due to demand, allow battered women not only to share their experiences, but also to swap suggestions on everything from legal proceedings to financial concerns, says JF&CS social worker Lucy Van Wyk.

JF&CS also offers court accompaniment, referrals and emergency financial assistance for battered women.

Battered and abused women are not always poor immigrants, although as immigration to Toronto rises, JF&CS is noticing an increase in the number of Soviet and North African clients, Van Wyk adds.

"Our first task is for these women to voice their experiences. For a long time, they may have been told that what they were experiencing was not really happening," says Van Wyk. "The second focus is planning for their safety. Some still live with their abusers."

JF&CS also runs a weekly therapy group for abusive men, where nine abusers and potential abusers probe their anger, shame, confusion and their past.

"Very often," explains Van Wyk, "abusers saw their fathers batter their mothers, or were abused themselves."

The spillover is seen, tragically, in the fact that in up to 45 per cent of cases, the first incident of abuse in a couple occurs when the wife is pregnant, Van Wyk says.

It's also been documented that children are at greater risk of being assaulted in a home where wife abuse occurs: they are present during 80 per cent of wife assault incidents.

That first insult or put-down may lead to physical or sexual assault, she adds, and unless the cycle of violence is broken, tragedy can take place. Sixty per cent of all murdered females are the result of wife assault.

For more information, call JF&CS at (416) 638-7800.

Community realizing problems, says JF & CS executive director

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

Divorce. Family violence. Child abuse. Intermarriage. Substance abuse. The problems of aging.

The Yiddish word "tzuris" neatly defines such societal problems as the ones listed above. Loosely translated as "troubles," the word almost certainly pre-dates some of the problems with which modern society is struggling.

Gordon Wolfe

Yet tzuris, with its rather lamentful sound, remains a colorful description of mankind's tribulations.

As executive director of the Jewish Family and Child Service (JF & CS), Gordon Wolfe can aptly describe himself as "the guy who deals with the community's tzuris."

Wolfe has spent the past nine years in his position with JF & CS, the Jewish community's largest social agency. During that time, he has witnessed profound changes within the general population and the whole spectrum of the Jewish community that the agency serves.

A conversation with Wolfe, focusing on his perceptions of the social changes the past several years have wrought, provides an interesting insight into Toronto's Jewish community, the country's largest.

Emphasis was placed on children and the family, and the effects that changing times have on the social fabric. Perhaps the biggest change Wolfe has seen as director of the agency is not so much a variation in the nature of the problems with which JF & CS deals, but a change in the willingness of individuals and the community to identify and acknowledge problems that already exist.

Family violence and child abuse are two examples.

"We have uncovered more as we have acknowledged these problems ourselves. There is a lot more violence and abuse in the Jewish community than I think any of us would have believed existed, and maybe even more than we are aware of."

The very admission of such problems stems from a broader societal evolution: the changing role of women. Wolfe is quick to point out that this is the largest single change to have occurred during his career in social work and one that impacts on almost all of the issues with which the agency deals.

Another huge societal pressure is the impact of divorce, which has risen steadily in the Jewish community in recent years.

The agency deals with the effects of divorce on all parties, and Wolfe emphasized that the enormity of the impact of family breakdown, especially on children, is still being discovered.

"What is coming out now is a lot of denial. 'Well, the kids survived,' people say. But some of the literature that is coming out on the impact of divorce finds that kids hurt a lot more than previously believed.

"I am not saying that people shouldn't get divorced, if they are at each other's throats all the time and can't live together, and the kids are watching that. But the assumption that all will be well with the kids is wrong."

Through separate programs aimed at couples, men, women and children, the agency helps people sort through the tangles of emotion, pain and upheaval that divorce creates. Family and marital counselling sometimes help to prevent such tragic and shattering marriage endings.

As mentioned earlier, family violence is another prime area of concern that has forced Wolfe and his staff to develop new tools and tactics. Again, he credits the stronger voice of women for exposing problems that have been shamefully denied in the past.

Wolfe says when the agency began to realize that family violence and child abuse were more prevalent than previously believed, it had to change its methods to uncover the depth of the problem.

Where in the past social workers had generally dealt with families or couples together, they began to work with family members individually.

Wolfe says family violence is a concern that has surfaced during the recent influx of Jewish immigrants from Israel and the Soviet Union.

The adjustments to cultural change are difficult in any situation, and Wolfe acknowledges that there has been a higher than average incidence of reports of family violence among members of newly arrived groups, a fact he attributes to cultural differences.

"Their culture says it is OK to hit your kid and to hit your wife. Education is an important part of dealing with this, but in some cases it is protection.

"But we try to work with the family and try to help them rather than take their kids away. We recognize that this is cultural."

A problem that JF & CS deals with that is perhaps more prevalent in the Jewish community than in the general population is the high expectations that parents hold for their children, and the effects of that pressure on the young people.

"No, I don't think this is a stereotype at all. It is very accurate.

"It comes from a history of valuing education, or achievement, and parents either put that pressure directly or subtly upon their children."

With couples having fewer and fewer children, the pressure is more concentrated and can have a devastating effect on young people who feel they are not making the grade.

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Ontario social services minister stresses need for proper supports

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

The current recession will not be carried on the backs of the poor, vulnerable, disabled or children says the minister of community and social services.

"We will make sure that there are sufficient services to make it viable for a person to cope during these hard times," Zanana Akande told a recent meeting of the United Jewish People's Order.

She said that to help working mothers, the New Democratic Party has added 5,000 subsidized daycare spaces into the daycare system. "It is no longer a luxury to have daycare, but rather it is a necessity. Women must work."

She added that the party has implemented the enforcement of parental child support, which will force negligent, estranged parents from holding back support payments that had been agreed upon in court.

She said that since the party came into power in September it has also done such things as broadening the scope of pay equity, introducing an employee wage protection program and providing an additional 10,000 non-profit homes in Ontario.

Zanana Akande

Akande said that the NDP has also devoted money to a skills retraining program as well as allowing those working at a lower wage to subsidize their income with social assistance.

"People need jobs to have a stake in their own society and this is a time when jobs are at a premium. We have had a lot of success with the subsidy program. There are many people who started that way and now are completely off social assistance."

She added that they have raised the amount of earned money people on social assistance can keep. "By subsidizing incomes that are lower than social assistance we are giving people an incentive to go back to work."

Akande said that the NDP's recent budget is a "kickstart to a long range plan on the way social services will be delivered in the future. We are planning on being in office until we have made all our changes."

She said that she believes that investing in quality social programs will produce "terrific dividends down the road. You can pay a little now or a whole lot later."

The minister said that the NDP has identified the well-being of children as a high priority. "Children are our future and they are entitled to certain basic entitlements. We must ensure that their rights are protected and that they are free from such things as violence, neglect and abandonment."

Akande said that deprived children become alienated from society and will eventually act out against it. "We intend to accommodate the needs of children through integrated services based in the community that are affordable and accountable to the community."

She told the group that, "We have decided to put our money into making sure that there are services for seniors, children and the unemployed. I cannot believe that that is wrong."

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Women's issue forces split in Cantors' Assembly

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
At least 10 Conservative cantors in Ontario have formed a breakaway splinter group because the movement's Cantors' Assembly has finally admitted qualified women.

The cantors are unhappy with what they see as the movement's increasingly liberal bent and with the notion of female cantors, which they regard as strictly unhalachic.

The Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary began conferring the title of chazzan on women in 1987, two years after it ordained its first female rabbi.

But at its 44th annual convention in Los Angeles last month, the Cantors' Assembly of America — the professional body for North America's roughly 450 Conservative chazzanim — admitted 14 qualified women, marking the first time females were allowed in.

That proved too much for several traditional Conservative cantors in and around Metro Toronto, who view female cantors as flying in the face of Jewish law.

The admission of the women brought to a head three years of rancor and bitter dissent over the matter, says Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum of Toronto's Adath Israel Congregation.

Last autumn, Cantor Kirshblum resigned from the Cantors' Assembly's executive and as chairman of its Ontario region over the way the body's executive overrode the membership on a vote to admit women.

At the 1990 annual meeting, the assembly's members failed to attain the two-thirds vote necessary to admit women, exactly what had happened at previous annual meetings.

But last September, the 32-member executive council overrode the members and voted to admit qualified women anyway.

Now, Kirshblum and the other cantors have made good on a threat to form a splinter group of "traditional" chazzanim opposed both to the concept of female cantors and to admitting women into the assembly.

The breakaway group, which has adopted the working name of the International Federation of Traditional Cantors, has already scheduled its first convention for October, in Toronto.

Cantor Kirshblum says about 75 cantors have registered to attend and he expects "at least" another 50 to sign up soon.

"We have a great deal of support," he told The CJN. "Most of the Conservative movement has shifted to the left and a number of traditional cantors have fallen into line. [The formation of the new group] is both a strong reaction to admitting women and to how they were admitted.

Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum

"Halachically, it's just not acceptable and many of us feel the assembly is not our home anymore. We felt that those of us in the traditional Conservative camp were being put out to pasture."

The nascent group has as its core leaders Cantor Kirshblum, Cantor Louis Danto of Beth Emeth Synagogue, Cantor Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec Congregation and Cantor David Bagley of Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Other chazzanim involved are: Cantor David Bercovici of Beth Jacob Congregation in Hamilton; Cantor Joseph Cooper, Cantor Emeritus at Beth Tzedec Congregation; Cantor Harold Klein of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation; Cantor Hesh Meyersdorf, formerly of Beth David Synagogue; Cantor Martin Rosenblum of Adath Shalom Congregation; Cantor Ephraim Sapir of Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Cantor Moti Zingboim of Beth David Synagogue.

Cantor Kirshblum told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that any attempt by the Cantors' Assembly to accommodate the new group "will fail. You can't be traif and kosher at the same time."

The splinter organization plans to offer its members the same services as the Cantors' Assembly has — insurance benefits, placement assistance, pensions and professional development, Cantor Kirshblum said.

Tories introduce bill to sell arms

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
After proposing initiatives to scale down the arms race in the Middle East, the federal government has introduced legislation to make it easier to sell Canadian arms in the region. And, national Jewish organizations are watching closely to ensure it doesn't compromise Israel's security.

International Trade Minister Michael Wilson believes the legislation will tighten control of the export of weapons of mass destruction while allowing for the development of additional markets for small arms sales and light armoured vehicles (LAV's) by Canadian companies. General Motors' Diesel Division is expected to benefit most by completing a long-awaited $800 million deal with Saudi Arabia for LAV's.

The Tories have left themselves wide open for criticism. Back in February during the war in the Persian Gulf, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and then-External Affairs Minister Joe Clark came out swinging in favor of batting down the proliferation of conventional and non-conventional weapons in the Middle East.

Indeed, in a Feb. 8 External Affairs and International Trade backgrounder on Post-Hostilities Activities, which included a proposal for a world summit on the instruments of war and weapons of mass destruction and a program of action concerning conventional arms, was outlined:

• "We urge a meeting of the major arms exporters to encourage a formal commitment to greater sensitivity in the export of conventional arms (i.e. greater transparency constraint; consultations in situations where unusual buildups seem to be developing).

• "We will advocate early action on an information exchange system regarding arms transfers, including serious examination by all states of the recommendations of the United Nations Experts Group now studying the question of transparency in arms transfers.

• "We will propose a commitment by the 22 signatories of the Conventional Forces Export Treaty to ensure that arms affected by the accord are not exported to regions of tension."

The federal legislation flies in the face of previous pronouncements to de-escalate arms sales to the Middle East, said Eric Vernon, Canadian Jewish Congress' director of legislative analysis.

"While automatic weapons and armoured vehicles may not be weapons of mass destruction, we find it curious that the government would introduce legislation making it possible for Canadian companies to arm the Saudis in any fashion," he said. Especially since the Saudis are still officially in a state of war with Israel.

The Canada-Israel Committee's director of public affairs, Simon Kahn, has been concerned about the proposed LAV sale for awhile and he questions the lack of formal weapons safeguards in the legislation. "We think that's a critical aspect not to be left out," he said.

"Let's see the government put some teeth in export controls."

Kahn is disturbed by the continuance of weapons proliferation and the lack of equal treatment under the law. "Our concern is Canada is entering the arms race on a one-sided basis," he said.

Brian Morris, chairman of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs urged Canada "not to abandon the moral high road" by looking at it "as a matter of arms of mass destruction versus conventional armaments."

Wainberg returned as BB president

TORONTO —
Marilyn Wainberg has been acclaimed to a second one-year term as president of B'nai Brith Canada.

Wainberg ran unopposed for the top job at BBC's annual meeting here last week.

Frank Wilson, who had been BBC president-elect, did not run for the presidency.

Gabe Nachman, who had been a national vice-president and chairman of the B'nai Brith Foundation, defeated Schura Vorona for the president-elect slot, meaning Nachman will become president a year from now.

The eight new national vice-presidents are: Jay Mandelker, Harry Bloomfield, Steve Zatman, Jack Finegold, Lyle Smordin, David Lerner, Ben Libman and Tom Gussman.

Michael Rosenberg is the new treasurer. It was the first time a treasurer was chosen by election.

A number of resolutions were passed at the convention, including

Marilyn Wainberg

• calling on Germany to provide "large-scale" financial help for the settlement of Soviet Jews in Israel;

• calling on Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to condemn anti-Semitism in his country, restore full diplomatic relations with Israel, remove all restrictions on emigration and allow direct flights to Israel;

• calling on Canada to urge Arab states to recognize Israel's right to exist within secure and recognized borders and to negotiate peace with Israel; and to call on Canada to condemn the Arab economic boycott of Israel;

• that Canada sever all its ties with the PLO and reject any PLO participation in peace talks with Israel, and that Canada encourage moderate Palestinian leaders to reject the "intimidation" of the PLO;

• that Canada work toward the revocation of the 1975 UN resolution equating Zionism with racism;

• that Canada urge the Vatican to recognize Israel;

• that Canada recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital;

• that Canada extend "significant" aid to Israel toward the settlement of Soviet immigrants;

• and that BBC support new endeavors by its League for Human Rights to battle anti-Semitism.

In his remarks, League chairman Mark Sandler said he is frustrated by the "jealousies, rivalries and turf fights" in the Jewish community when it comes to fighting anti-Semitism.

Sandler said all Jewish organizations should be able to co-exist in the fight against racism.

"Tragically," however, "that has not been so over the years," Sandler said.

— R.C.

July schedule

TORONTO —
As part of The Canadian Jewish News' revised summer schedule there will be no issues on July 4 and July 18. As well, the newspaper will be closed during the week of July 8-12. Revised editorial and advertising deadlines will be announced soon.

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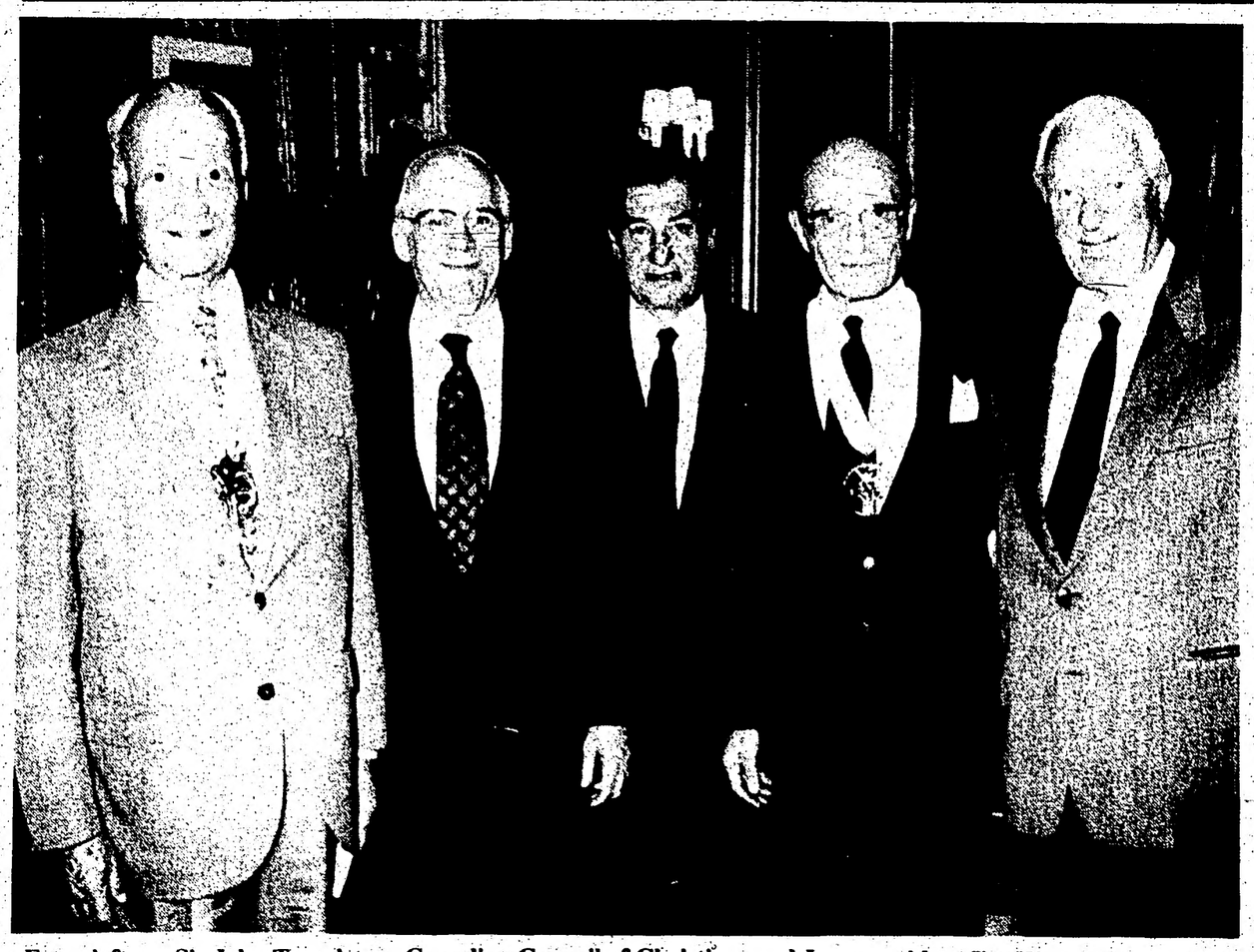


From left are Sir John Templeton; Canadian Council of Christians and Jews president Jim Westcott; ceremony host James Kay; Sir Sigmund Sternberg; and CCCJ honorary chairman John Lockwood.

Sternberg, Templeton honored

Interfaith dialogue stressed

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Only through interfaith dialogue will friction between the world's major religions ease, leading to a new era of overall harmony, two long-time workers for religious understanding agreed here last week.

International financier and philanthropist Sir John Templeton and Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman of the International Council of Christians and Jews, received the Good Servant Medal from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews in a special ceremony at the home of Toronto businessman James Kay.

"Dialogue is really communications," said the Hungarian-born Sternberg, a 69-year-old London businessman. "We have to look at progress and not at our differences."

Last December, Sternberg had a private audience with Pope John Paul, after which the Vatican declared anti-Semitism a sin.

Earlier this month, Polish president Lech Walesa, while in Jerusalem, asked Jews for forgiveness for Poland's role in the Holocaust.

Both events, Sternberg said, underline how far Christian-Jewish relations have progressed in the last 50 years.

But much remains to be done, he stressed.

New freedoms in Eastern Europe have unleashed increased anti-Semitism and fostering positive interfaith relations must now include Muslims, he explained.

That's why Sternberg is assisting the Italian government in arranging a Christian-Jewish-Muslim "trialogue" in Rome.

Sternberg was knighted by the Queen in 1976 and by the Vatican for his work to improve Christian-Jewish relations.

In a brief interview with The CJN, Sternberg called on Orthodox Jews to get more involved in interfaith dialogue.

"There is some participation [by the Orthodox] but it's not as much as there should be."

Sternberg said major sticking points in relations — such as the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz and the canonization of Queen Isabella — have been amicably resolved.

Templeton, 79, who made his first splash on Wall Street in 1937 and today controls billions of dollars in mutual funds, said a person's psychological makeup is determined by his or her religious upbringing.

"Through doing good, the good will return to you," he said. "If we became a little more humble, we would open our minds, learn more and understand."

Britain's Chief Rabbi gets Templeton Prize

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The United Nations should proclaim an international "geo-spiritual" year, so that the nations of the world can explore and enhance humanity's spiritual condition, just as it has already studied its scientific possibilities.

This was the plea of Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, chief rabbi of Great Britain and the British Commonwealth as he accepted the prestigious Templeton Prize at Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto.

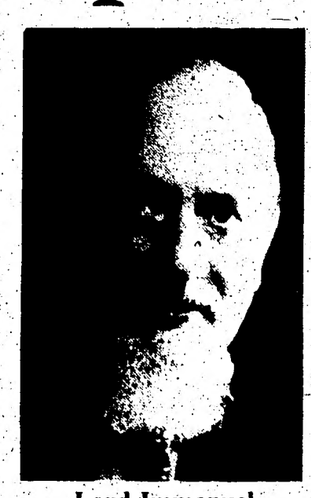
The Templeton Prize was created in 1972 by businessman John Marks Templeton, "to honor those who advance the world's understanding of religion," according to a media release.

To ensure that the significance of the award was obvious to the world, Templeton arranged that the monetary part of the prize would always be more than the Nobel Peace Prize.

Previous winners include Mother Theresa, Billy Graham, Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Hindu lawyer Baba Amte, for his work with lepers and untouchables in India.

Rabbi Jakobovits received the award from Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace in early May. A ceremony was also held in Vancouver.

The rabbi suggested that the time, money and effort expended on underwater or space research should be applied to such problems as marriage breakdown, the fight against crime and vice and ethical issues.



Lord Immanuel Jakobovits

"Schools the world over might be encouraged to participate in substantial prize essay competitions on some outstanding feats of virtue, on singular examples of nobility of heart and mind, on charity at its finest, or on some spectacular success in turning a dropout into a noble citizen, such prizes to be published in the world's press to create widespread public interest and involvement."

Decrying the international arms trade, the growth of secularism as opposed to religious values, and endless partisan disputes, Jakobovits urged that in an age when scientific discoveries are plentiful, we "try to discover the one formula which still eludes us: "how to build two homes next to each other that happiness reigns inside them and peace between them."

Rt. Hon. Jeanne Sauve, former governor general of Canada, mistress of ceremonies for the evening, said that Jakobovits received the award for his scholarship, his work in Jewish medical ethics, and his battle against the forces of secularism and extremism.

The invocation was by Rev. Edward Scott, former Anglican Primate of Canada, and the closing benediction by Dr. Suwanda Sugunasiri, president of the Buddhist Council of Canada.

Selections by the Toronto Children's Choir were enthusiastically received by the audience, which consisted of representatives of all sections of the Jewish community, as well as of other faiths.

The ceremony was preceded by a private reception hosted by Lincoln Alexander, lieutenant governor of Ontario.

Rabbi Jakobovits also met with Toronto Jewish Congress and Canadian Jewish Congress officials and staff at a breakfast reception.

The rabbi is former chief rabbi of Ireland, founding rabbi of New York's Fifth Avenue synagogue, author of a seminal work on Jewish medical ethics, and editorial director of the centenary revised edition of the Authorized Daily Prayer Book of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth.

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Honored at biennial convention

Justice Wilson receives BBW/C Achievement Award

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

The graciousness, modesty, sincerity and warmth of Madame Justice Bertha Wilson touched those who witnessed her receipt of this year's B'nai Brith Women of Canada Achievement Award.

When the recently retired Supreme Court of Canada judge was given a $1,000 cheque to be donated to the charity of her choice at the opening banquet of the biennial BBW/C convention, she handed the cheque right back to Adele Liederman, special honoree chairman, to be used to fund the apartment that B'nai Brith Women set up in Toronto three years ago as a shelter for abused Jewish women.

Known as ASTEH (Alternate Short-Term Emergency Housing), the apartment was a joint project of BBWC and Jewish Family and Child Service.

"B'nai Brith Women of Canada is known for its work on behalf of Jewish women and their families and in particular their concern over what appears to be a dramatic increase in family violence over the past few years," said Wilson.

Wilson termed family violence, "a social problem of striking proportions." She said that rape crisis centres and shelters for battered women were useful, but that they only served as stopgap measures.

To get to the root of the problem, she believes that a "systemic approach" is necessary. This implies changes in the legal system and in police policy. "Women will never have equal status with men in the home if they don't also have equal status with men in the world outside," she said.

Justice Wilson, the first woman to serve as a Supreme Court of Canada judge, distinguished herself by speaking out on women's rights and by setting legal precedents that reflect her forthrightness and common sense, as well as her wisdom and understanding of people.

Her Supreme Court pronouncements have included:

• the 1985 decision that said under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms refugee claimants must be allowed to explain in person and not just in writing why they want to remain in Canada.

• the 1988 decision declaring the old abortion law unconstitutional. She said the decision to abort was not just a medical one, and that it was something men could never understand.

• last year's decision accepting the defence of battered wife syndrome.

Wilson "had the courage and ability to ensure that human values were not forgotten or lost in the law," said Roslyn Levine, general counsel, Toronto regional office of the Department of Justice.

Howard Hampton, attorney general of Ontario, also paid tribute to Wilson. "Bertha Wilson accomplished much in an area that is directly related to the B'nai Brith Women of Canada's objectives to strengthen women's effectiveness in society. She played a significant role in the judiciary's recognition of gender bias on the bench and in strengthening the need for women's representation on the bench."

Justice Bertha Wilson (centre) was honored at the B'nai Brith Women annual meeting. With Wilson is (from left) Marcia Gurman, national president of B'nai Brith Women of Canada and Adele Liederman, special honoree chairman. [Alron photo]

Wilson will be spending the next two years as chairman of a Canadian Bar Association task force to study the role of women in the male-oriented legal profession.

In addition to the charitable donation that Wilson returned to BBW/C, the judge received a more personal gift as a keepsake in the form of a vase by Canadian artist Kayo O' Young.

Previous recipients of the BBW/C Achievement Award, which was introduced in 1987, are Maureen Forrester and Dr. Joan Bain, first female president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Levitt installed as new president of BBW/C

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Family, friends and fellow B'nai Brith Women of Canada members watched with pride as Gloria Levitt was installed as president, B'nai Brith Women of Canada at the organization's recent Installation Banquet.

In installing Levitt, Ruth Rose, past president BBW/C praised all BBW/C members for the time and efforts they put into volunteer work.

Marcia Gurman, immediate past president BBW/C, paid tribute to members for being a "dynamic group of committed and creative volunteers."

She said that to continue BBW/C's good work, the organization must continue to be involved in such issues as advocating for victims of domestic abuse, pressing for freedom of choice with regard to abortion, insisting on stricter gun control legislation and pressing for adequate food and shelter for the Canadian poor.

Gurman told the group that BBW/C is committed to the state of Israel. "We fulfil this commitment through our generous financial support of the residential treatment centers for emotionally disturbed boys in Jerusalem."

She said that the last time she visited Israel was as a participant of the BBW/C mission to dedicate the new building at the children's home in Bayet V'Gan. "We can be assured that the dollars we send to Israel are well spent, for we have a 70 percent success rate and the residential treatment centre has been acclaimed among professionals throughout the world as a role model."

In her incoming address, Gloria Levitt said that now that so many women are in the workforce they are more selective about how they divide their free time. "BBW/C offers interesting and challenging experiences ranging from participation in lecture series, to researching environmental concerns to assuming responsibility for your chapters fundraising to top leadership roles."

She said that BBW/C works locally, nationally and internationally to strengthen the effectiveness of women in the Jewish community and society, to foster the emotional health and well-being of children and youth and to perpetuate Jewish values and secure world Jewry."

Increase members

She said that the thrust of her new administration will be two-fold. "Due to the economic situation we are challenged to increase both our fund-raising dollars and membership acquisition. I ask that every member take responsibility to assist in fulfilling these goals."

The proposed slate for the 1991-93 national executive board includes Gloria Levitt, president; Sandy Sitcoff, president-elect; Arlene Fagan, vice president, Eastern area; Mitzi Dickstein, vice president, Central area; Betty Elfenbaum vice president, Western area and Marcia Gurman, immediate past president. Board members include Sybil Berenstein, Evelyn Brook, Florence Feldman, Anna Lee Gould, Zeldie Lester, Jill Lieberman, Roz Malin, Joan Rumack and Judy Wolff.

WJC assistance sought in Nazi prosecutions

NEW YORK —

The governments of Australia and the United States have requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in connection with their ongoing prosecutions of Nazi war criminals and their collaborators.

The Australian government is seeking witnesses for two war crimes investigations into murders committed in the Vinnitsa district of the Ukraine. These investigations involve the participation of the Ukrainian police, with the German Sicherheitsdienst (SD), in the murders of Jews and partisans between 1941 and 1943.

If you lived in any of the following locales in the Ukraine during that time period or otherwise have relevant information regarding the wartime experiences of the Jews living in these places, the Australian government would like to interview you: Vinnitsa, Tyvrov, Gorbaniyka, Sytkivtsi, Illinetsky, Gnivan, Selyschi, Gryzhintsy, Shabelnya, Brailov.

The U.S. Department of Justice is seeking to identify and interview persons regarding the persecution and murder of civilians in the Joniskis district of Lithuania in the summer of 1941.

In addition, the Justice Department is also seeking to interview persons imprisoned at Austria's Gusen I (sub-camp of Mauthausen) from February 1940 to May 1945; or at Ebensee (sub-camp of Mauthausen) from April 1944 to May 1945.

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By JOHN SYRTASH

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Question: My husband owns our matrimonial home. It is registered entirely in his name, although I have helped to make the mortgage payments and contributed to the home's purchase price. In addition, I have also paid for many of the improvements to the home over the years we have been married. In fact, my father gave us $25,000 to help purchase the home originally.

I am contemplating separation from my husband but I am very worried by enormous debts that he has incurred over the years. He has several judgments that have been recently filed against him and that, combined with our mortgage, easily eat-up all of the equity in the matrimonial home. I always thought that even though the house was registered in my husband's name, I was, in reality, a "half owner."

If it came down to a court battle over me and my husband's creditors, could I legally maintain that as "half owner" of the house the creditors could not touch my half of the equity once the house was sold since I do not owe his creditors anything (I never co-signed any loan or guaranteed any of his loans).

Answer: There has long been a dispute as to whether someone in your situation had greater rights than an execution creditor when it came down to a contest between a creditor and the spouse whose name was not "technically on title," but who had contributed either money or substantial time in the improvement of the matrimonial home.

In a decision of the Ontario Court of Justice (General Division) of March 25, 1991 in he case of **Bajada** vs. **Bajada** the plaintiff wife asked the court to hold up the forced sale of the matrimonial home that a creditor was proceeding with to satisfy a debt owing to him, until a court could determine whether or not she had a property interest in the home, even though it was not registered in her name.

The wife had applied to the court for something called a "Certificate of Pending Litigation" to be registered on title against the matrimonial home even though a creditor succeeded in obtaining a judgment against her husband and was actually in the process of having the court's Sheriff sell the home to satisfy his debts.

In **Bajada**, the wife had contributed money towards the home in the form of mortgage payments, property taxes and other carrying charges for a brief time.

She therefore claimed that her husband held a one-half interest in the home "in trust" for her, even though the home was registered in his name.

Mr. Justice Kozak ruled that the wife had an arguable claim for ownership in the property and therefore a claim to a "proprietary interest" that could be distinguished from the husband's half interest in the matrimonial home.

Since the wife did not owe any money to the creditor trying to sell the home, it would be unfair if the creditor could apply all of the equity in the home towards the debt.

The judge ruled that if the wife could prove later that she was the beneficiary of this trust then, so long as she could prove that she had helped to improve, or acquire or carry the matrimonial home before the creditor obtained his judgment and filed his claim against the matrimonial home, then her interest in the property over-rode both her husband's and the interest of the creditor.

She still had to prove at a later court date, meaning at trial, that she actually did have a "proprietary interest" notwithstanding that the home was registered in her husband's name.

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Quebec region adopts program

Jews urged to promote national unity

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canadian Jews who feel the debate over Quebec's status has gone on long enough and that the province should go its own way must drop that attitude and take a more active role in promoting national unity, a meeting of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region executive was told last week.

Congress' Quebec region, along with organizations representing the province's Greek and Italian communities, have adopted a five-point program that strongly affirms Canadian unity while supporting "the French fact in Quebec," Max Bernard told the meeting.

Bernard, director of the CJC-Q's joint community relations committee and chairman of a new Congress national committee on national unity, said his address to the Ontario region marks the first step in an effort to open a dialogue with Jewish communities across the country.

Canada is on the verge of change and "we cannot remain indifferent to this process," he said.

The Jewish community must oppose any polarization of the national unity debate in which views are described in exclusively anglo or francophone terms. That approach in effect excludes the Jewish community and other multicultural groups from discussions.

Bernard, a native of Cairo who emigrated to Canada in 1952, said Quebec Jews, along with the Italian and Greek communities, agree on five points on the Quebec issue:

- that the province should remain part of Canada.
- that a concerted effort must be made to rationalize Canadian political institutions and a reassessment made on the way the country is governed.
- support for the French fact in Quebec and a recognition of the sensitivity of the French majority on the language question.
- cultural communities must make their views known on issues involving their institutions and organizations.
- Canada must remain a pluralistic society committed to cross-cultural understanding and the promotion of human rights.

Bernard said the three cultural groups presented their views in a well attended news conference to show that the 400,000 Quebecers they represent want to be active participants in the national unity debate while having their interests considered.

Canada is changing whether the Jewish community involves itself in the process or not, he said.

At risk are "the kind of funadamental rights and freedoms, the kind of quality educational institutions that we would like to see, our commitment to diversity, our economic lifestyle, our international prestige, our health and social service network... whether we live in Halifax, Montreal, Saskatoon or Vancouver," Bernard said.

In opening remarks, Congress president Les Scheininger said Jews should understand the need of another people to retain identity, distinctiveness and uniqueness, though he concluded by calling for Congress to push for Canadian unity.

Ontario region chairman Erie Slavens announced that Congress had formed a national unity committee to examine the issue and inform Canadian Jews about it.

Michael Crelinsten, director of CJC-Q, told The CJN the committee will operate out of Quebec, though it will have representation from all regions of Canada.

It will monitor the unity debate, provide feedback to Congress and will serve as the organization's vehicle for expressing its views on the national unity issue.

Material omitted from Rodal report

Canada accused of aiding Nazis

TORONTO —

Government departments appear to be determined to suppress full disclosure of Canada's role in allowing Nazi war criminals into Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress charged last week.

"The public is entitled to know all the facts about post-war Canadian government policy that made it far easier for alleged Nazi war criminals to enter Canada than their intended victims," said Milton Harris, chairman of Congress' war crimes committee.

Harris was commenting in the wake of a refusal by the Information Commission of Canada to compel full public disclosure of a study prepared on the history of Nazi war criminals in Canada. The report, authored by Ottawa historian Alti Rodal, was prepared in 1986 for the Deschenes Commission, which investigated Nazi war criminals in Canada and recommended legal recourse.

The Rodal report was released in early 1987 only following an application by *The Toronto Star* under the Access to Information Act — though with major portions whited-out. Congress then filed a complaint with the Information Commission to obtain disclosure of the omitted texts, except those identifying suspects.

Material released following that application showed that a branch of the U.S. army ran a program of smuggling former agents, including Nazi war criminals, into Canada. It also showed that RCMP investigators handling cases of Jewish survivors exhibited anti-Semitic attitudes, Congress said in a news release.

The Commission's recent announcement refusing further disclosure "culminates a two-and-a-half year, exasperating process in which several government departments displayed a continuing determination to suppress the story of negligence and complicity of previous governments in admitting Nazi war criminals into Canada," Harris stated.

In a telephone interview from Ottawa, Rodal agreed the omitted material is important for the historical record. A significant part of the story is missing, she said, especially a study of government decisions in the late 1960s and early 1970s not to act against Nazi suspects.

The undisclosed material would make no difference to potential or current prosecutions, she added.

Asked to speculate why the material is being withheld, Rodal said: "I'm as much puzzled by it as you."

Rodal said she has completed the manuscript for a book on the history of Nazi war criminals in Canada, similar to the report she prepared in 1986, but the bankruptcy of her publisher, Lester & Orpen Dennys, has put that project on hold.

Rodal said she has managed to recreate, through public documents and information, the material deleted in the report she prepared for the Deschenes inquiry. She is currently seeking a new publisher.

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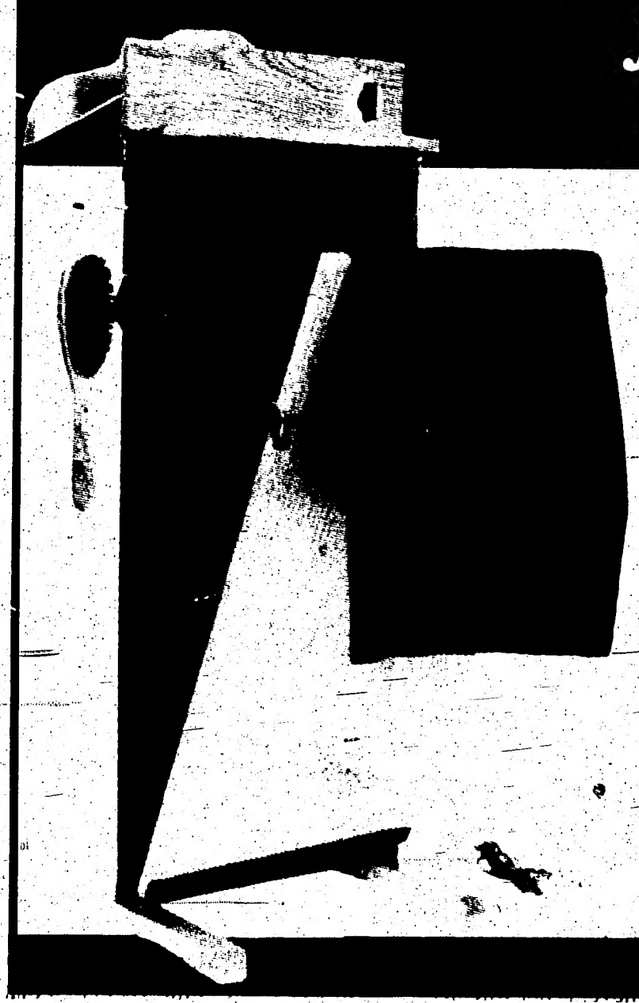

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Front Line

Walesa will need help to strengthen Polish-Israeli ties

COMMENTARY

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

Of all the former satellites of Eastern Europe, Poland evokes the most emotional reactions in Israel.

One thousand years of Jewish history had unfolded in Poland before that country was chosen by the Nazis to become the killing site of European Jewry. After the war, under the Communist regime, with only a handful of Jews left, anti-Semitism continued to be a painful feature of that sad country.

When Lech Walesa, the electrician from the Gdansk shipyards, started his Solidarity movement more than a decade ago, few could have predicted its success, or foreseen the resulting disintegration of the Communist regimes in the other satellites.

Poland was ready for change and Walesa was addressing the masses of the only communist state, in which the Catholic Church had preserved its relative strength throughout all the long years of Nazi and Communist oppression. He and his movement could therefore count on the all-important backing of the Polish head of the Church of Rome, who became his mentor.

Finally, with the advent of non-interventionist Mikhail Gorbachev in the Soviet Union, the mirage of liberation became a reality. The intriguing interplay between all these different factors will be a favorite subject for historians to clarify.

While Walesa's Nobel Prize took nobody by surprise, because it was felt that he deserved it, few, if any, political observers would have predicted his own election to the presidency of his country. His political fortunes were declining, his populism seemed amateurish and his platform too simplistic to be trusted. But he made it after conducting a rather untidy campaign in the course of which he appealed to the crude instincts of the Polish masses, shocked by the radical economic reform.

Yeshayahu Anug

Walesa slandered and eventually eliminated many former allies from the intellectual sector. And in the heat of his polemics against them and his once friend and then opponent, Prime Minister Mazowetsky, he made a number of unfortunate remarks regarding his own "Polish purity," clearly hinting at the "impurity" of his rival, who, by the way, was innocent of any remote Jewish origin.

When reprimanded and with the apparent intention to modify the impression, Walesa confronted the Jewish topic from another angle: He attacked a number of former advisers, who were Jews or half-Jews, for hiding their Jewish origins. What is there to be ashamed of? he asked. He himself would be proud to be Jewish!

A shrewd, but also accident-prone twist by a man unfamiliar with the sensitivity of Jewish ears trained to be suspicious. In fact, he was saying that a Jew is a Jew in Poland, even if he acts Polish. Nothing wrong with being Jewish, he insisted, but why on earth not say so openly? In isolation this could have made some basic sense, but given the background of this "clarification," did not sound too well.

Walesa, whose unruly tongue had given him a lot of trouble before, apologized and was probably as genuine then, as he was when he had slipped. He has a problem. For his presidency to succeed, which is still an open question, he will have to watch it.

An early visit to Israel seemed opportune. With his mixed reputation of an audacious freedom fighter and a novice on the international scene, he came to Jerusalem on what he — and many Israelis too — regard as a historic, first visit of a Polish president to the Jewish State. The invitation to address the Knesset created some controversy and was considered by many to be an exaggerated gesture, since it is only very seldom accorded to a foreign dignitary.

But, on balance, it was probably a good decision. He delivered a decent and passionate address, gave a fair review of the multifaceted history of Polish-Jewish co-existence and, in the name of his people, humbly asked the Jewish people for forgiveness.

Seen from a subjective Polish standpoint, the common past hovers heavily over Poles and Jews alike, despite their different destinies. To remember only anti-Semitism when summing up their co-existence would be unfair. There were also lengthy periods of tolerance and even prosperity. As a country, Poland was, throughout its stormy history, more than once the subject of destruction and partition by its stronger neighbors.

In this century, no European population under Nazi and Communist rule, have suffered more than the Poles. Under German occupation relatively more Poles saved Jews from certain death than other European nations under similar conditions. Poles too, are to this day obsessed by their own collective memories and, not unlike the Jews, resent and blame the outside world for its indifference to their predicament.

They still feel insecure and fear the future despite their seemingly safe present. A typical remark by Walesa in the Knesset: "Israel's independence is 43 years old, Poland's only two."

So without understating their own sad memories, Israelis were kind to Walesa. His solemn appeals for forgiveness made in Jerusalem by the profoundly religious president of the country in which the Christian roots of anti-Semitism are stronger than in many other European countries, gave the visit an additional dimension which went perhaps beyond the important, but not crucial, relationship between Poland and Israel.

One should not doubt Lech Walesa's sincerity, when he pledged to open a new chapter. He should not be suspected of having pursued merely political or material aims, which he certainly also had in mind. He knows how important it is for the moral sanity of his nation to exorcise the demon of anti-Semitism.

For Walesa's undertaking to succeed in his country, his own efforts, however genuine, will not be sufficient. But if a helping hand, long overdue, will be extended to him by his powerful mentor and friend in Rome, the Walesa visit to Jerusalem will have made even more than Polish-Israeli history.

OPINION

Arrival of planeloads of Ethiopians brought joy to Israel

By
DAVID GROSSMAN

Soon enough, the newcomers will be part of the Israeli potage, rising again to its surface in caustic newspaper accounts of the vagaries of absorption and in bitter reports of despair. But for a brief 24 hours, no mean amount of time to us, we knew a forgotten joy amid our cynical, cantankerous, rapacious existence.

The arrivals from Ethiopia proceeded down the ramp leading from the plane with slow, suspended steps. Their browned soles — bare, or shod in colorful sneakers — groped hesitantly for the metal stairs. A first glance was sent out, cautious, covert: not a gaze that claimed propriety over the new landscape. Nor a joy-filled glimmer. Just eyes that twinkled behind the dull mask of the refugee.

The silence and slow motion of the arrivals enveloped those who received them, too. Before our eyes an entire culture was uprooted from its life source and brought here, to be replanted. Everything melded together; the pain of being severed from a homeland, the physical sensation of roots rent, strands of life left hanging from these souls; and the joy of receiving these people. We Israelis are so trained in negation, callousness and restraint that given the chance to overflow, to make good, we gulp these rare drops thirstily.

And the flow was never-ending. Plane after plane landed around us: 14,000 refugees. Even underneath the veil of torpor their beauty was apparent. Apparent, too, was the majesty of these new Israelis: little Queens of Sheba; children of almond, of olive; adolescents without the arrogant glare of our teenagers; old men and women angular and black as coal, only their eyes ember. A Judaism seared. A Judaism that strayed for 2,500 years through the thicket of history, that rose and fell, that was separated, yet survived.

Perhaps what survived is what we seek with our eternal question: who is a Jew? Perhaps, it is they in their remoteness, in their longing, who bring us the answer. Perhaps this is why we scrutinize them so closely — to see, in the blazing blue light, the photographic negative of our history.

Nearly 40 jets, coming and going, night and day. As if in a modern fable. Aboard one flight, Elazar Rahamim, an Ethiopian Jew who had been in Israel for 20 years and had been asked to accompany his countrymen on the airlift, spoke to the newcomers. A 2,500-year-old dream is coming true, he told them as the plane came over Jerusalem: It is for her we have longed and prayed, and now we have been granted the right to come to her — thanks to the Government of Israel and because, thank God, we have a State.

They descended from the plane carefully. Some in rags, some in Sabbath whites embroidered in a rainbow of colors. Their belongings were pitiably few: One plastic bag per family, a Styrofoam jerrycan, a goatskin canteen. And these, too: Young girls with patterns tattooed in blue on their faces and necks; talismans jangling from women's dresses; old people toting colorful parasols; venerable kazes, the high priests of the sect, fondling chirah, the horsehair symbol of their rank. They were wrapped in antique splendor that, like ancient frescos suddenly exposed to a dazzling light, faded there on the tarmac, before our know-it-all eyes.

It was difficult for those who received them not to be tempted by voyeurism: there, on the asphalt runway, the inner lining of life was exposed for all to see. But even the journalists and photographers, even the politicians who flocked there for you-know-what — even they slowed down a bit, showed reverence for the power of tenacity and passivity. They faced it, discomfited, as the West faces the barrenness of the third world. Most of all, and with that silence that is the end of words, they faced the thing itself: the bareness of another fate.

The Ethiopians passed between those who stared at them. A trying test of their natural shyness, their dignity. It seemed as if their souls closed a bit. Not in fear, in caution. Even the adults among them became children in the face of the genial, knowing bustle of those who received them.

But then a boy burst through the doorway of the plane, a boy of five or six, shaved head, very black, a large wooden flute in his hand. Standing at the head of the ramp, he began to play. For a moment, all activity stopped, a few photographers even forgot their flashbulbs. He stood and played in earnest, with intent. Perhaps it was a shepherd's tune he had played in his village, with his flock. Perhaps it was a melody he had prepared for the moment.

With his song, one live, shimmering spark flew out from under the anvil of our lives. For one whole day, from within the jarring dissonance of our inner sound system, we produced one true note, one clear, harmonious note; enough to evoke the entire melody.

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ANALYSIS

Jewish agencies responsive to ethnic changes

By
RABBI MARC TANENBAUM

A considerable amount of attention is being devoted in the nation's major media to demographic changes in American society occasioned by the rise of Asians, Hispanics and blacks in many of our large cities.

While the 1990 census is still the subject of charges of undercounting, the numbers that did emerge tell of some clear trends in New York City. The city's white population dropped by half a million people, while the population of Asian-Americans doubled and the Hispanic population rose by 30 per cent. Blacks made up 28.7 per cent of New York's population in 1990, up from 25 per cent in 1980.

"Every New Yorker is now a minority," wrote one commentator.

These number have at times been reported with a hint of breathless anxiety, as if the demographic shifts they represent are a clap of thunder out of the blue.

In point of fact, students of American demography and ethnic groups began to recognize this changing pattern as early as the 1970s. All of the major Jewish intergroup agencies began developing strategies two decades ago for relating to Asian, Hispanic, black, and Native American groups.

Most of the Jewish community-relations groups around the country undertook, during the past two decades, to cultivate relationships with leaders and key players in each of these ethnic groups in their communities.

The crucial issue, I believe, is not whether Jewish agencies both nationally and locally are alert and responsive to these important religious, racial, and ethnic changes. I think by and large the evidence is that they know what is going on in these population shifts and are generally being creative in their search for common ground.

The critical question is how Jewish agencies will define their relationships with the ascendant ethnic bodies.

For a period of time, some theoreticians and practitioners in the Jewish community appeared to support an unbridled assertion of ethnicity in unconditional terms. Such ethnic assertion, however, quickly becomes ethnic aggression, demanding entitlements from society while acknowledging it few duties.

Dr. Martin Marty, a leading Protestant scholar, wrote some years ago that the dynamic of American pluralism involves a tension between "identity and exposure." Each group has a right and a duty to define its identity in its own terms. But if each group cares only for itself, the result will be an America Balkanized into rival camps.

Marty added that there is an obligation on each and every religious, racial and ethnic group, once its identity is realized, to expose its values and culture for the benefit of the general society.

It is such a conception of the duties and responsibilities to one's own group and to the general welfare that should become the basis of the new cycle of ethnic relationships in our changing nation. — JTA

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Unfinished business

The rescue of 14,000 Ethiopian Jews was one of those blazing moments in the history of Israel that suffuses the Jewish world with light. For three shining days, there were no shadows. Like the Beta Israel in their white robes, we walked, radiant, in the fulfilment of the Zionist dream.

But now everyday reality is returning, and with it, the shadows.

No Jews live in deeper shadow than the Jews of Syria. The same week that brought us the joyful news of Operation Solomon also bore sombre tidings — of the arrest of two young Jewish couples and their infants (the men are still detained, their whereabouts unknown); and of the sentencing of the Swed brothers, imprisoned without charge since 1987, to 6½ more years in a Damascus jail.

Incredibly, the same week that saw U.S. President George Bush throw the considerable weight of his office behind the evacuation of the Ethiopian Jews heard his Secretary of State defend the record of Syria on Jewish emigration. He had learned, he said, that some single women had been allowed to leave.

The situation of Syrian Jews is desperate. Unlike Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry, they are one of the very few imperilled Jewish communities with which Israel has been unable to make direct contact. Their fate depends on their perceived importance to the geopolitical chess game Washington is now playing in the Middle East. Judging from the testimony of James Baker, they would appear to be pawns, available for sacrifice.

Pidyon sh'vuim, the redemption of the captives, is a commandment of the Jewish faith. There is no question that the exodus of the Soviet and the Ethiopian Jews is a miracle — a miracle for which we have not only prayed but have worked unrelentingly. Now that freedom is dawning for them, we must work as relentlessly for the freedom of Jews who still live in the shadows of Syrian terror.

As long as one Jew remains captive, the miracle is not complete.

Proper recognition

With the exception of some specialized monographs, most Canadian history books do not deal in any detail with the contributions of the many ethnic groups which are part of the larger Canadian mosaic.

History books in this country focus inevitably on the two founding nations, the Iroquois Confederacy, the English victory on the Plains of Abraham and the development of Canada's fur, agricultural and fisheries industries. Canada's relationship with the British crown and the evolution of this country's independent status within the Commonwealth are also major themes.

What is missing from these volumes, especially those dealing with the 20th century, are detailed chronicles of the contribution made by groups who were not part of the original English and French-speaking settlements,

Scant recognition is given to the Ukrainians who helped build Canada's western provinces, the Jews who labored in the trades, the Italians and Chinese who worked on the railways and road construction projects and the Japanese who participated in fisheries and gardening ventures on the West Coast.

With regard to the '60s, '70s and '80s, little notice has been taken (in part because of the speed of change in immigration patterns) of the influx into Canada of Caribbean, Portuguese, Central and South American, African and East Asian immigrants — all of whom are making significant contributions by enriching Canada with their knowledge, skills and industriousness.

While waiting for the ideal history text which will incorporate the role of various ethnic communities in the building of the Canadian ethos, it might be appropriate at the same time to consider other ways of providing visual and concrete evidence of the presence in this country of diverse ethnic strains.

In addition to the museums in Ottawa which feature exhibits depicting aboriginal peoples, there are, of course, some small museums and cultural centres in several provinces which accord recognition to the contributions, and the struggles, of blacks, Hungarians, Jews, Ukrainians and other groups. Our own community is fortunate, indeed, to have the Coat of Many Colours exhibit which has just opened at the Royal Ontario Museum following a successful year at the national Museum of Civilization.

What is needed, however, is a central institution which could display the many brilliant strands of which the fabric of this country is woven. Our diversity is a source of strength, because it enables us as a nation to benefit from the best that each cultural group can offer.

It is a strength worth celebrating.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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THE LUBAVITCH ISSUE

In response to Mr. Jacobs proposed $1,000 donation to Chabad (CJN, May 16), I would like to make a suggestion.

Instead of furthering this issue via a public forum and risking a *chillul Hashem*, it would be more beneficial for him to visit the Chabad centre in Thornhill and discuss it with any of the rabbis there. Not only would he be able to resolve this issue personally but at the same time he can receive his charity receipt.

Sidney Joseph Wellman
Toronto

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VANCOUVER TO VILNIUS

In your recent laudatory article on the Flying Bulgar Klezmer band, author Gil Kezwer referred to them as "... rescuing from obscurity material found on scratchy 78s in the archives of New York's YIVO Institute."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

With a collection of several thousand LPs, rare field recordings and one-of-a-kind period radio shows, and a computer listing of the over 3,500 78 rpms in the collection, the Max and Frieda Weinstein Archives of Recorded Sound of the YIVO Institute is the leading open access repository of Ashkenazic commercial and field recordings in the world.

The Flying Bulgars are only the most recent example of the scores of musicologists, researchers and historians from Vancouver to Vilnius who have found the Weinstein Archives an irreplacable resource in the revitalization and reintroduction of Yiddish music to new and enthusiastic audiences.

Henry Sapoznik
Director
Max and Frieda Weinstein
Archives of Recorded Soung
YIVO Institute
New York

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RESCIND UNIVERSITY CHAIR

I read with great interest Prof. Arnold Ages article Education Provides No Barriers Against Prejudices (CJN, May 9).

As a Jew born in Romania, I am referring to the article's reference to Mircea Eliade.

Eliade was not only a member of the infamous Iron Guard, pro-Nazi movement in Romania. He was a very passionate propaganda speaker in the years when the forces of darkness took over in Romania. Eliade had an "excellent" record: his Nazi anti-Semitic propaganda, his vitriolic fascist incitement of hatred against the Jewish population in Romania (on the radio and in the press) cannot be forgotten and should not be overlooked.

Eliade's idols were Hitler and Croneliu Codreanu, the Romanian-Polish leader of the Iron Guard, the Nationalistic, anti-Semitic, fascist and Nazi Romanian political party.

Approximately 20 years ago Time magazine published an essay praising Eliade's work in fields of history and philosophy of religions. I wrote to Time, uncovering Eliade's past. The reply, in a short letter addressed to me, was: "We wrote about M. Eliade the scholar, and not about the politician."

As a student at a Montreal University, a listing of books in the field of history and philosophy of religions was given to us. Eliade's name was included. I mentioned to my professor Eliade's past, and the reply (the same as given by Time) was: "We study M. Eliade the scholar, universally accepted in this field."

Eliade was cultural attache in London and Lisbon representing the Iron Guard Nazi Romanian Government.

I appeal to all Jewish and non-Jewish scholars and academics to engage in a vigorous campaign to have the chair named in honor (!) of Eliade at the University of Chicago rescinded.

We should not let the notorious fascist, anti-Semitic Nazi, who spread hatred in the minds and hearts of millions of people, be honored at an American University, or at any university in the world for that matter.

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

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Rabbi Avraham Toledano

THE TOLEDANO STORY

I was absolutely dismayed by the biased, distorted and unjust coverage Gil Kezwer gave to Rabbi Avraham Toledano, the successor to the leadership of Israel's Kach party. In his May 9 story (Rabbi Toledano Vows to Continue Kahane's Legacy), most of what he attributes to the rabbi is accurate, but the adjectives he uses to describe HOW he said WHAT he said are not simply exaggerations, but outright distortions.

I know, because I was there and I heard the same speech!

Kezwer correctly writes that Toledano holds a second degree black belt in judo, but in the same breath he writes that "Two burly youths flanked the podium during the lecture," suggesting that Rabbi Toledano is a ruffian and that he's supported and surrounded by hooligans. The suggestion is false.

Because of the lax security at the meeting where Rabbi Kahane was gunned down, Kach now rightfully deploys uniformed and plain clothes security at all public meetings. This is for the protection of the audience, as well as for the speakers, since we live in a mad, undisciplined world. The well-built young men flanking the platform were anything but burly and, if necessary, they were there to step in front of any bullets that might have been intended for Rabbi Toledano.

Unlike the suicidal Peace Now movement, Kach is dedicated to the survival of the modern Jewish State of Israel. Traitors to the state, who would overthrow it by bullets instead of ballots, have no right to live in Israel. What right-thinking, normal individual can object to such goals? We wouldn't tolerate anything less in Canada, so why should Jews have to put up with treacherous violence in Israel?

Jury Brodir
Toronto

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AUSTRIA TOOK ACTION

Paul Lungen writes in his article Customs Ban Sought On Computer Games, (CJN, May 16) that U.S. Senator Alfonso D'Amato had written a letter to the Austrian Federal President Kurt Waldheim urging him to invoke hate crimes statutes against the distribution of the games.

You may be interested to know that my government reacted immediately to the circulation of the video games long before Senator D'Amato's letter was received. The Austrian Government officially stated that it condemned the underground circulation of video games in Austria that clearly contain Neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic propaganda and obviously seek to influence the youth with this heinous ideology. The Government stressed that Austrian law prohibits such propaganda and makes it a punishable offence.

In fact, as soon as the existence of these games became known, the Austrian authorities initiated legal proceedings in order to determine their origin, bring the author(s) to justice, and stop further circulation.

Kurt Herndl
Ambassador
Austrian Embassy
Ottawa

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LARGER HALL NEXT YEAR

We have taken note of some criticism that has been voiced in regard to this year's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration. We welcome constructive criticism and suggestions for future celebrations, and are grateful for any comments that will enable us to improve upon what was already an overwhelming success.

Our committee made every effort to arrange for an exciting program, and we are gratified by the tremendous response from the number of people who attended the event. Frankly, we were not prepared for such large numbers, and this admittedly led to overcrowding and disappointment by those who could not find seats in the synagogue or adjoining hall.

We are most appreciative of the many complimentary letters and telephone calls which we received regarding the event, but will plan our next year's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration in more spacious surroundings, with adequate seating space for all participants, as well as numbered tickets for better control.

Barbara Grossman
Sidney Greenberg
Co-chairmen
Canadian Zionist Federation
Toronto

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GENOCIDE AGAINST JEWS

Holocaust is a lasting reminder for the genocide committed against Jews.

This shameful period of human history should never be forgotten and repeated. Queen's Serbian Association fully supports your effort to tell the truth to the world.

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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BLUESTEIN — BIBACK — GREENSPAN

Jews were prominently engaged in the dyeing of textiles. They developed many dye stuffs which, in turn, gave rise to surnames.

Bluestein (Blaustein in German) was antimony, which was a blue-dye.

Biback (from the Slavonic Bibika) was a plant which yielded a red dye.

Greenspan is verdigris (green from Greece), the coloration taken on by copper roofs from oxidation. Jewish dyers discovered an alternate source of the dye in Spain. Hence the name Greenspan (green from Spain).

Black dye was extracted from the cuttlefish (cherniak in Slavonic) which secreted an inky liquid which it discharged to obscure its whereabouts from a marauder.

Opinion

Community takes summer pause

Canadian Jewry may not be perfect but is pretty good

By
J. B. SALSBERG

It is that time of the year when the social, educational and cultural activities of our Jewish communities take a summer pause.

But, even that pause is not without "activity. . ."

That pause does not affect the rendering of the specific services that the specialized agencies and institutions were formed to supply.

It is also the time when the planning for the new year, that follows the High Holidays, is being fashioned.

That planning will affect the social, educational and cultural activities of the community as a whole in the new year. Toronto Jewish Congress will, for instance, have to decide whether, after meeting our obligations to local institutions and services, how much money must be raised to help Israel to cope with its obligations, like the absorption of the Russian and Ethiopian immigrants that now flow in ever-increasing numbers into the Jewish state.

So, as you can see, the summer recess will keep hundreds of our leaders (professional and elected officers) quite busy all summer. . .

We know that when Jewish emergencies arise we work like Trojan horses to raise our "quotas" to give and to get others to give. And although we know that the Canadian Jewish community is neither richer nor poorer than the average economic levels of the Canadian population as a whole, there are some well-intended and well-meaning non-Jewish Canadians who maintain that Jews are more affluent and can afford to "donate" more than the rest of our Canadian neighbors.

J.B. Salsberg

The fact is, that according to a careful analysis, the income of 17 per cent of Canadian Jews is "below the minimum standard of living" requirements.

In other words, there are some rich Jews and there are a lot of poor Jews among us. But Jews are traditionally larger donors than are the rest of the population among whom we live. (Jews also contribute to the general community's welfare funds.)

The fact also is that non-Jews, living in normal societies, grow up with an awareness that governments and private "charity" organizations somehow look after the needs of their poor. But Jews, for many long centuries, have known that they, and they alone, have to come to the assistance of their fellow Jews in need in many parts of the world because no one else will.

Canadian Jews, heaven bless them, practise this virtue of giving, and giving liberally towards those global Jewish needs. Canadian Jews also accept, with typical modesty, the recognition of their charitableness that is expressed by the world Jewish leadership.

In short: Canadian Jewry may not be perfect, but they are a pretty good sector of the Jewish world: one example is this excellent paper that they publish — The Canadian Jewish News.

However, the Canadian Jewish community is not without fault. For instance, I worry often about the disappearance of once prominent Jewish family names from the current leadership of our communities. Is it their self-isolation, or are we all guilty for that unhappy circumstance?

I could list quite a number of such cases, but I want to refrain from embarrasing anyone. That is not a private matter, but a communal one. Perhaps we need an appropriate committee of old and new leaders to deal with this troubling matter. We should, in my view, approach a number of very valuable former Jewish leaders in an effort to win those good people back into the leadership of our communities. There is so much to be done that the present leaders need not fear that a return of their forerunners will, in the least, endanger their own authority or prominence. So, come back, ye former leaders, and share both the glory and the responsibility of that leadership!

I, therefore, want to conclude this farewell-to-spring column with a plea to the past, present and budding Jewish leaders in all our communities to not waste their summer with such meaningless activities as hiking, picnicing, country cottaging, globe-trotting, etc.

In the words of our ancient sages, the tasks are many and the time is short, so don't squander that treasure — time — by doing what everyone else does. We are Jews, so let's tackle the challenge of this fateful summer. . .

As for me, your humble scribe, I will station myself on the watchtower to watch, watch and watch.

Not to waste time we shall begin, next week, our annual summer interlude with quotations from Pirkei Avot and other Jewish pearls of wisdom.

You're invited to join us every Sabbath. Please accept the invitation.

Non-Jews continue to visit

Negev Desert holds great promise for Israel's future

By
W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I write these notes after returning from Israel — a whirlwind tour filled with meetings, renewals of friendship, new vistas and new hopes. The brevity of the visit had only one advantage: it increased my desire to go back there at an early time.

For the first time during my many journeys, we spent the major portion of our visit in the Negev. Like the rest of Israel, the south is dominated by the Great Miracle: the arrival en masse of Russian olim.

But they are not the only ones who show their faces. On the elevator of the Margoa Hotel in Arad — a city east of Beersheba and close to the Red Sea and sufficiently elevated to provide a haven for asthmatics — I found the following notice posted (in the German language):

"Patients will please refrain from bathing in the nude and will remember the religious sensibilities of many of your hosts in this country."

A German sign? Patients? The mystery was easily solved: A group of Austrian asthma sufferers were spending some time in Arad together with their doctor, the temperatures reached 40 degrees Celsius, and therefore . . .

This was my amusing introduction to the new Arad (which amongst its innovations boasts even an Israel Tennis Centre) and it spoke to me both of new developments and of something we had often overlooked, namely, that non-Jews have continued to visit Israel and did so even during the days when a lot of Jews stayed away.

Rabbi Plaut

But our people are now coming back. El Al is filled again and Ben-Gurion Airport has been enlarged and it took less time to retrieve our baggage there than it did later at JFK in New York.

The Negev is doubtlessly the great future reservoir for the building of Israel. It has space, it has security, and it is now in the process of regaining a heritage that reaches back to pre-Israelite days. There was a time when the Negev was fruitful and the desert tamed. Archeologists have long known that the Nabateans, settlers in the land long before Joshua and the 12 tribes arrived, held millions of people — a figure that only now is beginning to be believable, and attainable once more.

Israeli scientists, especially those clustered around Ben-Gurion University, are focusing on this possibility. Aridity and sand are not all there is to this largest area in the state, and the future looks especially bright here.

In fact, there is a spirit of optimism all around. Nobody is sure just how the enormous mass of immigrants can be accommodated and how, above all, they can be provided with jobs. But the hope is there, the resolve is there, and while there will be many failures and some bitter disappointments, there will also be a story of success unparalleled in the brief history of the state.

The typical Israeli ability to make fun of oneself, and of course of government, was expressed in this latest rumination: "How to do away with the desert? Turn it over to government and in no time even the sand will be gone."

We were present at the signing of the first agreement between Israel and the Soviet Union on a joint research program in energy development, truly a historic moment. Scientists from both nations work jointly in two co-ordinated laboratories, one at Beersheba and the other in Moscow. The signing represented a bold new step in the relationship between the two nations, in many ways as important as the newly developed diplomatic ties.

The chair at the university which generous Toronto friends have established in my name is a chair in "project management." The term denotes a fairly new science in pragmatic problem-solving — and it represents the great need of Israel to manage its scientific and economic future. The initial incumbent — the first Soviet oleh to obtain a professorship in Israel — is Prof. Golenko-Ginsburg, a man with 30 years' experience, fluent in half a dozen tongues, and a thoughtful and delightful person. It was a happy moment for all of us, and I would like to think that it presaged the successful management of Israel's Great Miracle.

The figures are staggering: In Beersheba alone, immediate plans call for the construction of 22,000 dwelling units to accommodate some 70,000 people. But this absorption and job creation program is not for the new olim alone. It also has to be directed toward resident Israelis, especially soldiers returning from the army who are looking to get started.

Meanwhile, the city of Beersheba has assigned enough land to Ben-Gurion University to double its capacity within the next 10 years. The task is daunting. Aside from all the political problems which still dodge the state, the very figures are overwhelming. If, for instance, four per cent of Israel's olim during the next five years are scientists, it may mean that 40,000 will have to be accommodated. Will it be possible? Who knows, but Israel is trying.

As for the tasks of Diaspora Jews, we heard it loud and clear wherever we turned: Invest in the country, create jobs. That's the way to secure the future of the land.

Doctor's exam missed stress factors

Being a working mother is a risky sport in itself

By
ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

The handsome young doctor sat at my family dining table and, with a completely straight face, asked me, "Do you indulge in risky sports, such as big game hunting?"

Big game hunting at our house means searching for the dice for Monopoly or the spinner for Kosherland, but the earnest doctor was all seriousness. He was bent upon administering a life insurance application exam, and he persisted in his unlikely line of questioning.

"Do you go skin diving?"

Not unless you mean chasing a naked baby through mud puddles.

"Do you parasail or parachute?"

No, but I have a carpool with eight kids in it, if you want to talk about hazardous activities.

He proceeded with a litany of physical, psychological and practical disasters: had I been arrested? For what, young man, bad cooking?

Was I subject to fainting spells? Oh, Miss Scarlett, hand me my smelling salts!

Did I plan to take up snow skiing? Me, a confirmed beach person who dislikes heights, speed and coldness?

Or hang gliding? I get giddy on high stair cases and haven't the nerve to ride a ferris wheel.

Or arctic mountain climbing? I turn on the electric blanket when the temperature drops below 70.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Let's face it, the insurance company and the nice young doctor were trying to assess risk. I don't think they succeeded. The doctor, after filling our multiple forms, taking a blood test and asking my age (I confessed) and my weight (he guessed!), smiled politely and went away. I assume he found me insurable and, of course, I assume I am, but I maintain that the true stressors, the actual risks to life and limb any working mother encounters, were not alluded to on the insurance company's scientific questionnaire.

For instance, the young doctor didn't ask how long I spend searching for the average object, or how deep I have to dig into drawers, closets, attics, desks, bureaus, trunks and toy chests on each quest. Those who want to compute risk assessment should figure out the degree of stress involved in this kind of inevitable daily pursuit: high stress for lost keys, glasses and airplane tickets; low stress for measuring spoons, pens and Barbie clothes; medium stress for postage stamps, aspirin and theatre tickets (unless the search is conducted within an hour of the play).

But just as the doctor's exam missed the stress factors bound to shorten my life span, it also missed those things likely to keep me ticking forever.

First of all, we've got three small children. I have to raise them, educate them, marry them off and revenge myself upon them, probably by spoiling my grandchildren shamelessly.

But, on a more basic level, I have a freezer full of food it will take at least a millennium to consume. I follow my mother's philosophy that if, just in case, the Israeli army should drop in unexpectedly for dinner, one is supposed to be able to cope, and not with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches either.

I have an infinite number of magazines and books stacked up, waiting until I have time to read them, clip them and file them, that's something to keep a body waiting.

And, most definitely, I'm going to endure until I can get back into all those Size 10 dresses hanging upstairs. A wardrobe in waiting is clearly a positive indication of life span, but the exam missed it.

The exam also missed a lot of negative indications. For example, it didn't ask about grocery shopping, and thus skipped such stress and risk factors as out-dated coupon glut, toddlers run amok, check-out line tabloid headline exposure, or mass meltdown of frozen foods.

Even if the doctor had queried me about dry cleaning, which he didn't, how could he assess the risk of broken buttons, mangled pleats and missing belts.

How could I explain to this uninitiated single man (who probably hasn't worn anything but lab coats, green scrub suits or blue jeans for 10 years) what it is like at the average suburban dry cleaning establishment. Impatient people mutter behind you, as you fumble for your claim ticket, try to check your cleaning for disasters (it is always easier to get repairs or restitution on the spot) and then make four trips to the car, laden with slippery, sticky plastic bags whose hangers make such a wad they do not fit — and were never intended to fit — on the teeny, weeny hanging hook above the car's back window. Talk about stress.

In comparison with the average foray into domestic commercialism, sky diving is a statistically insignificant risk. But I'm flexible. If the insurance doctor insists, I'll forego grocery shopping and take up big game hunting; I'll probably live longer for it.

Features

Notable absence at senior levels

Corporate America tough on Jews

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Despite their striking entrepreneurial achievements, American Jews are largely excluded from the upper echelon of major U.S. corporations, Abraham Korman claims in *The Outsiders: Jews and Corporate America* (Lexington Books, $12.95).

Korman — a professor of management at Baruch College in New York — writes that in industries ranging from oil and chemicals to food and commercial banking, "there is a notable absence of Jews at senior management levels."

However, he adds, Jews are often found in these same industries in "professional and staff positions."

Citing a 1969 study by R.M. Powell of Ohio State University, Korman says that being "a member of the Jewish faith was seen as a greater hindrance than any other type of religious-group membership." Korman believes that Powell's research continues to be valid, notwithstanding a 1988 American Jewish Committee report claiming that Jews are in fact making it in corporate America.

Judging by Korman's figures, however, Jews have some way to go. The percentage of Jewish senior executives in the petroleum, chemicals, food, glass/building materials, mining, pharmaceuticals and motor vehicles and parts industries are 0.7, 2.3, 3.3, 3.5, 3.9, 4.0 and 4.4, respectively. In electronics/appliances, office equipment and computers, forest products, metal products and soaps/cosmetics, the percentages are 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 5.6 and 7.9, respectively.

The numbers increase in industries — publishing/printing, textiles/vinyl flooring and apparel — to which Jews have traditionally gravitated. The percentages are 9.5, 9.9, and 26.7, respectively.

Citing a 1986 study of the chief executive officers of the Fortune 500 companies, Korman says that 7.6 percent of them described themselves as Jewish. This is cause for some encouragement, since Jews comprise less than 3 per cent of the U.S. population.

By this criteria, the oil industry has been the most unreceptive to Jews. Using a 1978 Anti-Defamation League study of the top six American oil firms, Korman says that discrimination against Jews in this sector took several forms — lack of recruitment, limitations on promotions, non-assignment to certain job areas, insensitivity to religious observance requirements, maintenance of corporate membership in restrictive clubs and discrimination as a result of the Arab boycott against Israel.

Korman insists that, in the eyes of the powers that-be in corporate culture, Jews lack social acceptability. Such views, he observes, are common and are frequently cited as reasons for negatively assessing Jews' acceptability for promotion to higher management jobs.

Korman believes that an early 1980s Harvard Business Review study adds credence to his theory. It found that social compatibility and "fitting into" the company continued to be important in hiring and promotion practices,

What is more, the Harvard study found that if Jews are to succeed at executive levels in most corporations, they must suppress external signs of Jewish identity (dietary preferences, Sabbath observance, the wearing of a yarmulke) and show little interest in the problems of Jewish life in contemporary America.

According to Korman, the few Jews who have climbed to the top take very little interest in Jewish community or Israeli affairs and keep their identity private. As well, aspiring Jewish executives attempt to emulate the speech patterns and dress of their non-Jewish colleagues.

In the second half of *The Outsiders*, Korman deals with those Jews who've succeeded in professional and staff positions, or as consultants, in large corporations. They have done well because, as Korman argues, "social acceptability is far less crucial in the performance of professional responsibilities than it is for managerial/executive career success."

He explains: "Intellectual competence and technical knowledge are far more important determinants of success for professionals than for managers, and outsider status is perceived as significantly less important for professionals than for those aspiring to managerial/executive vertical career mobility."

The pattern of Jewish employment in U.S. corporations was established in the first half of this century.

While big industrial companies, utilities, commercial banks and insurance firms barred Jews, they had no problems in soft goods, the retail trade, communications and the amusement industry.

Otherwise, Jews were remarkably unsuccessful in breaching the ramparts of corporate America. Henry Ford (1863-1947), the auto magnate, set the tone. During the 1920s, he published the Dearborn Independent, an amazingly crude anti-Semitic sheet. In Korman's view, Ford's baneful influence was widespread.

Even after the Second World War, when opportunities opened up for minorities, the Anti-Defamation League found widespread practices of conscious anti-Semitism among private employment agencies.

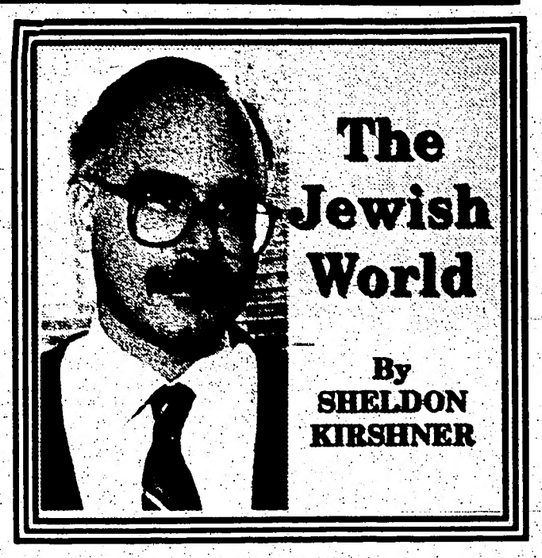
In the 1960s, Jews were still encountering problems. Powell, in his Ohio State University study, delineated the interrelationship between religious background and corporate mobility. Forty three per cent of Episcopalians advanced in their careers, compared to 28 per cent and eight per cent for Catholics and Jews. Put another way, an Episcopalian's religion in terms of promotability was a hindrance in 1.8 per cent of cases, compared to 23.9 percent for Mormons, 39.4 percent for agnostics and 63.3 per cent for Jews.

In its 1988 study, the American Jewish committee concluded: "There is no evidence of widespread discrimination against Jews in the executive suite."

Korman is not so sanguine. As he puts it: "It is necessary to eliminate the belief that because some Jews in the United States have been able to attain a reasonable level of affluence, the problems related to being Jewish in the country have been resolved. The outsider status of Jews in corporate America is as clear now as it has ever been..."

BUSINESS GAMES

Students from the Gymnasia in Herzylia play the business games in Tel Aviv. The games are organized by the Manufacturers Association and the Tel Aviv municipality. Players simulate all aspects of running a company like arranging policies in buying and selling. [IPPA photo]



The Jewish World

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Moshe Nissim, the Israeli minister of industry and trade, sounded an urgent note of caution recently. "The fate of aliya and its future," he said sombrely, "is dependent on employment..."

As thousands of Soviet Jews pour into Israel monthly, in the biggest movement of immigrants to the Jewish state since the late 1940s and early 1950s, Nissim's warning assumes new importance.

If the Israeli economy cannot provide the recent arrivals with jobs, they may look to greener pastures, and a historic opportunity of bolstering Israel's populating Israel may be irretrievably lost.

The Bank of Israel has warned that unless many new jobs are created, upwards of 200,000 olim will leave within the next few years and fewer immigrants will bother coming. Ma'ariv reports that one-third of Soviet olim want to leave, while Michael Kleiner — chairman of the Knesset's immigration committee — claims that more than 200,000 Soviet Jews have already postponed aliya.

The unemployment rate in recession-bound Israel stands at about 11 per cent, but it could rise to 18 per cent, says the Bank of Israel. Nevertheless, Soviet Jews are streaming into Israel, albeit at a slower pace. In April, 16,000 were admitted, although 20,000 had been expected. Since January of 1990, Israel has received more than 250,000 immigrants, 90 per cent of whom have been Soviet Jews.

Instability growing

In a paper prepared for the Institute of Jewish Affairs in London, Wolf Moskovich cites the reasons that impel Soviet Jews toward Israel and the West — their sense that political and economic instability is growing, that chaos is at hand and that rampant anti-Semitism is likely to erupt under such deteriorating conditions.

He implies that Israeli pressure on the United States has diverted infinitely more Jews to Israel than would otherwise have been the case. Washington has imposed an annual cap of 50,000 Soviet Jews allowed to settle in the United States.

Nevertheless, Israel is simply unprepared for the deluge.

The Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies in Jerusalem squarely places the blame on the socialist nature of Israel's economy — which, it says, is "riddled with money-losing state-owned enterprises, a huge government bureaucracy, dozens of official monopolies and cartels... price controls and tariff and non-tariff barriers to free trade."

A high percentage of Soviet immigrants have a university education, but unemployment or underemployment is increasingly greeting them in Israel. According to the Association of Soviet Immigrants, the majority of the 7,000 doctors who've arrived in Israel of late are not practising their profession. Of the estimated 20,000 Soviet engineers who've emigrated since 1989, only 400 work in their field, about 6,000 attend retraining courses, some 7,000 engage in menial labor and approximately 6,000 are unemployed.

The National Insurance Institute says that new applications for unemployment compensation are steadily rising. In Kiryat Shmona, Mayor Prosper Azran has urged the government to stop sending olim until their basic needs can be met. Azran claims that 85 per cent of the heads of immigrant families in his northern Galilee town are currently unemployed.

In desperation, some Soviet women have turned to prostitution. Israeli newspapers have published photographs of Soviets scrounging for leftover food at Tel Aviv's Carmel market.

Moskovich argues that the situation is exacerbated by several factors — the absence of a national data bank listing job vacancies, an insufficient number of expert vocational consultants, the lack of a plan to co-ordinate the needs of the economy with vocational training and the dearth of vocational retraining courses due to a lack of funds.

It's clear that a crisis has developed and that action is required to assuage the situation. If Israel fails to absorb the wave of Soviet aliya, there will be dire consequences.

Morocco's Jews support king

Morocco's Jewish community has moved sharply to reaffirm support for King Hassan II in the wake of serious economic and political difficulties that have gripped the North African nation in recent months.

From within, Morocco has been rocked since late last year by a series of political disturbances and demonstrations brought on by a deepening economic crisis and conflicting demands by pro-democracy groups, Islamic fundamentalists, and pan-Arab nationalists angry over the king's support for the anti-Iraq alliance. From without, the king himself has been embroiled in a running feud with officials in France, his most important foreign ally, over a best-selling French book that documents corruption, torture, and other human rights abuses sponsored by the monarch.

Morocco's 6,500 Jews, the last major Jewish community in the Arab world, have taken a strong stand in favor of their king throughout the turmoil. A conference of Jews of Moroccan origin held earlier this year in Paris condemned the French book — *Notre Ami, Le Roi* by Gilles Perrault — as well as an ensuing French campaign to wrest greater democracy out of Hassan, as a plot to weaken the North African nation.

"We consider the book an attack on the dignity of the king," Albert Cohen, president of the Centre Rambam, a Paris-based organization of Moroccan Jews, said. "It is a total calumny."

Nevertheless, the increasing instability in Morocco has forced Jews to consider the possibility that their one last haven in the Arab world may soon turn against them. Jews are among the kingdom's most influential citizens, but they have relied throughout their history on the Moroccan monarch for protection.

"If, to our great misfortune, the king faces problems, it will cause great difficulties for the Jews," Cohen said. "It is he who allows our community to thrive and enjoy liberty, as our protector."

Morocco, long considered one of the Arab world's most stable nations, has been rocked by a series of disturbances in recent months that have forced analysts to question whether Hassan's 30-year reign and the 500-year dynasty behind it may soon draw to a close.

Western fears of investment and business losses brought on by the Gulf crisis have spawned a drastic depression in the already beleaguered nation, where 65 per cent of the population is illiterate and foreign experts believe unemployment to be two to three times higher than the official 13 per cent.

Unemployment, calls for political reform, and Islamic fundamentalism growing in strength across North Africa led to violent riots last December in which human rights group believe hundreds of Moroccans were killed.

But the most emotional issue for Jewish and other Moroccans has been a bitter personal battle between the king and French officials over a mounting French campaign to force greater democracy in the kingdom.

The scandal broke last autumn when Danielle Mitterrand, wife of France's president, announced that she would visit independently camps in Algeria for Sahrouian refugees fleeing the territory Morocco annexed in 1975. She called off the visit under pressure from her husband.

Then came the autumn publication of *Notre Ami le Roi*, or *Our Friend, the King*, a book which documents 30 years of corruption and persecution under Hassan. The book, which has sold hundreds of thousands of copies explicitly compares Hassan's leadership to that of the shah of Iran, smashing the myth that Morocco is a semi-constitutional democracy among surrounding Arab tyranies.

The book led to bitter protests from Moroccan officials and cancellation of a planned Year of Morocco in France which was to have included 30 plays, artistic exhibitions and concerts. It has also poisoned business ties between Morocco and France, which is by far her largest trading partner.

(The Forward)

Just a short time ago this young Ethiopian Jew was in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. Now she is on her way to the Jewish Agency absorption centre in Mikhmoret, north of Netanya. The centre is funded by UJA/ Federation Campaign. [UJA Press Service Photo/ Richard Lobell]

Culture shock expected among Ethiopian Jews

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Jews airlifted here from Ethiopia face severe culture shock which could tear the very fabric of their lives, once the euphoria of reaching the Promised Land wears off, according to leading pedagogues.

Gadi Ben-Ezer, clinical psychologist and lecturer at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and Dr. Chaim Peri, head of the Yemin Orde Children's Village on Mount Carmel, fear the trauma of the newcomers' protracted stay in Addis Ababa before Operation Solomon may resurface in Israel.

They called on authorities to formulate and implement revolutionary programs to ease the shock and facilitate the absorption and integration of the new immigrants into Israeli society.

Peri and Ben-Ezer base their fears and recommendations on an in-depth study conducted during their visit to Addis Ababa last year for the Israel branch of Defence For Children International.

"Nobody realizes the horrors which they experienced during what amounted to their internment in Addis Ababa, living in squalid conditions, while their hopes of immigrating to Israel dwindled with the passing months," said Peri.

The report of Ben-Ezer and Peri described sanitary conditions as "appalling," making disease and death common. Kidnappings occurred regularly, and there were many reports of Jewish youths being caught on the street and press-ganged into the Ethiopian army.

> ***"Syria's state-run ruling party newspaper lambasted Israel's airlift of over 14,000 Ethiopian Jews calling it part of 'a large international plot against all the Arabs'."***
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> **The Washington Times, 5/27/91**

"These are people who have already undergone two shocks. The first was leaving their home villages believing that in a short time they would be in Israel," said Peri.

"Instead, they found themselves dispersed around Addis, living in squalor and totally dependent on others with no chance of being masters of their own fate. All the fathers could do was queue up outside the Israeli Embassy for their monthly allowance which enabled them to exist.

"Under these circumstances, the trauma, mistrust and loss of hope they experienced during the year in Addis could resurface and work against their absorption and integration into Israeli society unless steps are taken now to prevent this tragedy occurring," said Peri.

Peri warned of the breakdown of family units, the build-up of anger and bitterness, underachievement by young immigrants and serious social problems unless absorption was handled properly.

"In Israel, unlike in Ethiopia, their lives are not in jeopardy. But a life without purpose and a long period of idleness can, ultimately, be just as dangerous," said Peri.

"For me at least, the Jews from Ethiopia are a symbol of what Zionism stands for. If we fail them, Zionism fails," he added.

Relatives seek family members

Registering arrivals a problem

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Immigration and Jewish Agency officials are experiencing great difficulties in registering the more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews who arrived in the Operation Solomon airlift.

The newcomers themselves are being kept confined to the hotels and absorption centres to which they were sent, until the complicated process can be completed. The officials do not want them wandering around a still-unfamiliar country, in search of family members who preceded them to Israel.

The problem is compounded now because even the relatives who preceded the new arrivals are themselves wandering from one reception centre to another, seeking family members.

The search for missing kin is being assisted by the Israel Broadcasting Authority's latest program, an Immigrants Network, which broadcasts two hours a day in Amharic the names of the newcomers and the reception centres where they have been placed.

But the problem remains of registering the names.

The difficulties are myriad. There is presently no available means in Israel of printing out the unusual Amharic script, of which no print fonts are available. The Israeli newspaper *Ma'ariv* has adopted the only available method, printing daily a photograph of lists of the new immigrants written roughly by hand.

But even the names themselves represent a problem. Family names have not been in use within the Ethiopian Jewish community, whose members bear only a given first name, followed by a patronym, the name of the father. Computer lists are therefore useless in compiling a register of families.

It has been suggested that the new immigrants be provided with new family names, based on the given name of the grandfather most recently deceased.

Government and Jewish Agency officials are struggling in the meantime to transliterate into approximate Hebrew the names they are being given verbally in Amharic.

Another problem arises from the fact that none of the newcomers was ever issued certificates indicating date and place of birth. And for most Ethiopian Jews, calendar dates are vague.

Most of them recall they were told they were born — or that a certain event happened — in "the year the Italians bombed Gondar," "when Haile Selassie left Addis Ababa" or in "the third year of the great famine."

But absorption officials are determined to overcome all the problems.

"It's going to be like Ellis Island at the turn of the century," one veteran official said. "When a new immigrant from Russia or Poland, responding to an immigration official's question as to his name, registered as Nick (I don't understand), he was said 'Nicht verstanden' (I Vorstand."

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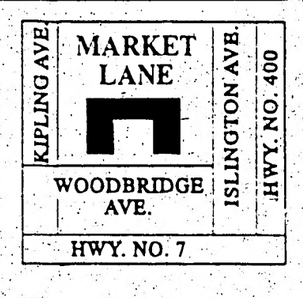

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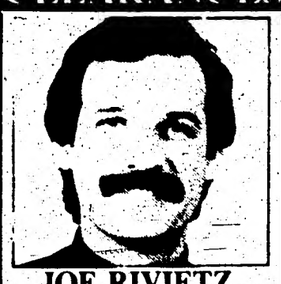

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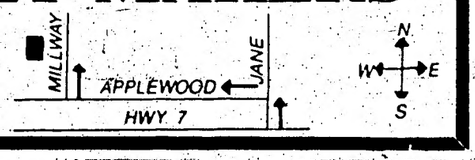

World

Lubavitch community prepares for Mashiach's arrival

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A fervor has gripped the Lubavitch community.

With the gleam of divine promise in their eyes, members of this Chassidic movement report that messianic redemption is imminent.

Around the clock, in yeshivot around the world, Lubavitcher men gather to study the laws of the messianic age.

Some, known all their lives by secular names, have assumed more traditional Jewish names, citing the legend that the Jews in Egypt merited redemption in part because they refused to adopt Egyptian names.

Posters in storefront windows throughout the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, where the movement is based, advertise speeches devoted to the subject of messianism.

A full-page advertisement, signed by 20 Lubavitcher and other Chassidic community leaders, ran recently in several New York English- and Yiddish-language Jewish newspapers.

"We must sincerely realize that the Gulf War and its accompanying miracles mean the imminent arrival of Mashiach (the Messiah)," the ad, under the headline An Urgent Message, stated.

The sense of mission which ordinarily fuels the Chassidim's efforts has intensified. The ante has been upped.

In a recent address to his followers, the Lubavitcher rebbe, Menachem Schneerson, exhorted his followers to study Jewish law, to do good deeds, and to do everything they can to hasten the arrival of the Messiah.

"What more can I do to motivate the entire Jewish people to clamor and cry out, and thus actually bring about the coming of Messiah?" the rebbe cried out. "All that has been done until now has been to no avail.

"Now do everything you can to bring the Messiah, here and now, immediately," he said.

For his followers, in Crown Heights and around the world, it was a call to action. One Crown Heights Chassid said it was "like a fever sweeping through here, like a brush fire."

The revered rebbe's plea was the latest indicator that the day of redemption is near, say his followers, the latest in a series of signs which began with the outbreak of the Persian Gulf War.

Chassidim point to the messianic prophecies of Isaiah and to the 13th-century midrash, Yalkut Shimoni, which foretells that in the year of the Messiah's arrival, the ruler of Persia (interpreted by Lubavitch to mean Iraq) will clash with the king of Arabia.

The Lubavitcher rebbe himself has said, as his followers are fond of repeating, that this is a year of great wonders.

Expectation of the Messiah is a tenet of Jewish faith, and this is not the first time that the day of his arrival has been awaited so expectantly. Earlier generations of Jews, in their fervent desire to witness the redemption, have followed men who proved to be false Messiahs.

Some members of the Lubavitch community even say, privately, that the rebbe is the Messiah. But they hesitate to do so publicly.

"Is he the most likely candidate? Can he be (the Messiah)? Most certainly," asserted Rabbi Avrohom Hecht, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America.

"I can't think of a more likely candidate," agreed Rabbi Friedman.

"I really want it to happen during my lifetime," he said emphatically.

Matzah company fined

By
RON OSTROFF

BALTIMORE (JTA) —

The B. Manischewitz Company, which claims to be the largest matzah maker in the world, has been fined $1 million for conspiring to fix the price of matzah over five Passover seasons from 1982 through 1986.

After being indicted by a federal grand jury in March 1990, the Jersey City, N.J., firm pleaded no contest to the charges that it conspired, with Horowitz Bros. & Margareten, and with Aron Streit Inc., to fix matzah prices.

In levying the fine last May 17, Judge Harold Ackerman of the U.S. District Court in Newark, N.J., said it is "warranted as the just desserts for Manischewitz conduct."

The hefty fine is to punish Manischewitz for the "serious and evil offence" it committed and to send a message to the business community that such "an egregious assault on a free, competitive society" will not be tolerated.

While Manischewitz argued that the public was not harmed, that the company's new owners never approved the illegal acts, that the firm had already made restitution through civil settlements and that the company had suffered enough from the publicity in the case, Ackerman did not agree.

The company's claim of no harm to the public "borders in my judgment on the nonsensical," he said.

"With respect to the company's reputation, my simple reaction to that is they brought it on themselves," he said.

The fine in the criminal case comes shortly after the company agreed to a $2.5 million settlement of federal and California class-action lawsuits by consumers who claim they were harmed by the price-fixing. The proposed settlement still requires the approval of the judge in each case.

Once approved, the settlements will provide $575,000 in cash and $2 million in food to charitable organizations approved by the parties and the judges.

Restitution in the civil cases "isn't punishment," Ackerman pointed out at sentencing in the criminal trial.

Court documents allege that sometime after July 1981, at a meeting at Ratner's kosher dairy restaurant on New York's lower East Side, Manischewitz's general sales manager asked top managers of Horowitz Bros. & Margareten if their company would adhere to Manischewitz's proposed price increases for Passover 1982.

Horowitz Bros. allegedly agreed that year and after subsequent meetings preceding Passover in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. Horowitz Bros. was purchased by Manischewitz in 1986.

The general sales manager allegedly had similar meetings in at least two of those years at a Jersey City motel with a sales manager for Aron Streit, Inc., who also agreed to the fixed price increases, court records say.

(The Baltimore Jewish Times)

U.S. communal leader dies

PITTSBURGH (JTA) —

A stunned Jewish community here is mourning the loss of Sholom Comay, national president of the American Jewish Committee and a leader in a wide variety of communal activities, who died of a heart attack May 18.

Comay, 53, had just been re-elected to his third one-year term as AJCommittee national president.

As 21st president of the Jewish human relations organization, Comay was guiding it through major changes aimed at sharpening its efforts in education, interfaith relations and public policy.

Comay, who served as Pittsburgh's first housing magistrate from 1967-71, was a lawyer and businessman active in a wide variety of civic causes.

He was chairman of the board at Action Industries, a manufacturer of promotional programs for the retail trades. Prior to that, he had been a partner in the law firm of Kaufman and Harris.

According to grief-stricken colleagues, Comay brought intense concern, commitment and thoughtfulness to every endeavor he was involved with.

He "had extraordinary gifts: strong leadership, universal compassion, clear vision of the future and total dedication to the welfare of the entire human family," said a statement issued by AJCommittee.

"His deep commitment to peace and reconciliation were the special hallmarks of this extraordinarily gifted person."

Comay served as chairman of the Pittsburgh United Jewish Federation's budget and allocation committee, as treasurer of the UJF and a member of its board. He formerly served the UJF as head of its committees on the elderly and demographics.

A former president of the local AJCommittee chapter, Comay held virtually every notable leadership position in the national organization.

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Haig sees common ground for Israeli-Palestinian peace

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig sounded a note of cautious optimism that Israelis and Palestinians may find common ground on which to implement a form of autonomy in the territories.

Haig, who described himself as "a retired general and defrocked diplomat," told a capacity crowd at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue that he could not see a pressing interest in peace among Israel's Arab neighbors. But both Palestinians and Jews have a common interest in defusing the situation in the territories, he said, and even if the proposed regional peace conference fails, Israel and local Palestinians may yet agree to some form of autonomy.

Haig's geo-political analysis was preceded by a tribute to Aish HaTorah, the Jewish educational program which sponsored Haig's address at its 10th anniversary lecture in which 100 of its students were honored.

Haig said his analysis of the Middle East is based on four components: the superpower role; inter-Arab rivalries; the tragedy of Lebanon; and the Arab/Israeli conflict.

Though Soviet power has declined, do not underestimate their capacity for mischief, he said.

U.S. intelligence has picked up Russian-language transmissions in northern Iraq, indicating that Soviet forces remained in that country and helped Saddam Hussein in the recent Gulf War, he said.

"The Soviets are weaker and are more anxious to use its partnership with the United States. . . to piggyback on our influence to increase their own."

Citing an old Arab saying, Haig warned: "Trust in Allah, but lock up the camels."

Turning to the Arab rivalries, Haig said the U.S. State Department often allows its pre-set attitudes to ignore the facts as they really are.

The end of the Gulf War has led the Arab world to return to its traditional rivalries, and none can be expected to keep the peace in the Gulf without U.S. assistance, he said.

The situation in Lebanon is an example of how regional rivalries and ethnic conflicts among Arabs can destroy a country. Today, Israel's northern neighbor is dominated by Syria like never before, he said.

A recent Lebanon/Syria treaty in effect leaves Lebanon as a Syrian province.

An ominous development is a recent rapprochement between Syria and the PLO — at a time when U.S. Secretary of State James Baker is saying Israel's settlements present the greatest obstacle to peace, Haig said.

Haig, who said he resigned as Secretary of State over a disagreement with the Reagan administration on the Mideast, predicted Syria's proxy militias will harass Israel while the Lebanese government demands Israel's withdrawal from its southern territories.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig

Despite his assessment of the situation facing Israel, Haig told the appreciative crowd, which later gave him a standing ovation, that "a believer in Israel and a believer in the Bible has got to be an optimist."

He pointed to the airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel as an example of a modern day miracle. He concluded his remarks as he began them, with a tribute to Aish HaTorah for its work in helping guide people in the precepts of holy law.

Haig was introduced by Nancy Weisbrod, one of the 100 Aish HaTorah students honored last week.

Other remarks were presented by Rabbi Shalom Schwartz, executive director of Aish HaTorah in Toronto and Harold Nashman, the 1991 event chairman.

A videotape of greetings by U.S. Vice-President Dan Quayle, prepared for a Los Angeles gathering of Aish HaTorah, was also presented.

"The international community must take specific measures to punish Israel, which has struck at the peaceful efforts. The UN Security Council must take firm resolutions, impose comprehensive sanctions on Israel, and expel it from the United Nations, especially since this international organization theoretically dropped the Israeli entity from its membership when it adopted a resolution considering Israel a country hostile to peace."

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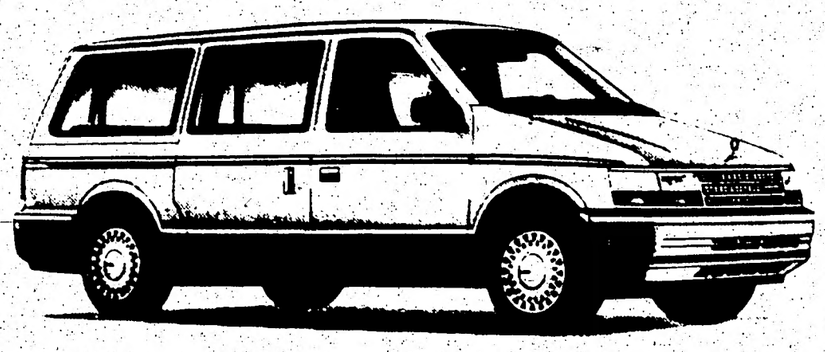

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Israel

Pact between Syria, Lebanon cause for concern in Israel

By
LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

The recent brotherhood pact that effectively gives Syria control over Lebanon has sparked deep concern and much debate in Israel. While a few analysts believe the agreement may usher in a new era of stability in Lebanon which would also benefit Israel, others fear it will enable Syria to expand the battlefield from which it could launch its next war against the Jewish state.

Middle East analyst Ehud Ya'ari argues in the Jerusalem Report that the agreement contains the potential to turn Lebanon's Mediterranean coastal region into a Syrian launching pad against Israel. Syria could station surface-to-air missiles to interfere with Israeli air force operations in south Lebanon, or it might even build a sophistocated system of tank traps along the Israeli border, warns Ya'ari.

Dr. Yossi Olmert, director of Israel's Government Press Office, and an expert on Syria, also views Damascus' latest move as ominous. "There is no question that the Syrians look at Lebanon as part of the overall Syrian strategic zone of interest, so far as the conflict with Israel is concerned," says Olmert, adding that the danger to Israel is more long-term than immediate.

Before Syria can use Lebanon as a staging ground for an attack against Israel, Damascus must further pacify Lebanon and turn the new arrangement into a fact of life, he adds.

While acknowledging that this could take years, Olmert leaves little doubt as to the threat this represents: "If, as I believe, Syria is Israel's number one strategic enemy, then it is decidedly bad for Israel to have this enemy dominating another country that borders Israel."

Although Syrian president Assad may be in a position to launch an attack from Lebanon, the probability that he would exercise that option is very low, argue many analysts. Barry Rubin, visiting professor at the Hebrew University, suggests that in light of the U.S. reaction to the invasion of Kuwait, Assad fears that an unprovoked attack on Israel could prompt the United States to rertaliate against Damascus.

"It's important to draw a distinction between Syria's evident hostility and the probability of an actual war, which remains low," says Rubin.

Even if Syria would choose to launch an offensive against Israel, it is not certain that Lebanon constitutes a military asset from a logistic point of view.

"If Syria deploys forces in Lebanon it will have two fronts, one in Lebanon and one in the Golan, which are cut off from one another by Mount Hermon. It would be problematic to move forces from one front to the other, and air defence would be difficult," says Brigadier General (res) Aryeh Shalev of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies.

Shalev suggests that Syria may fear an Israeli attack on Damascus via Lebanon's Baka'a Valley, and may in fact view a deployment of its own forces in Lebanon as a defensive strategy.

The more immediate threat of the Syria-Lebanon accord is an increase in terrorist attacks in the security zone and infiltration attempts along Israel's northern border. But even on this point, there is no consensus among Israeli analysts.

Many note that while Israel has had to contend with terrorist infiltrations along its borders with Jordan, Lebanon and even Egypt, the frontier with Syria has been quiet for years.

"It has actually been Damascus that has managed to prevent infiltrations into Israel — on the Golan Heights — at a time when Beirut enabled myriad militias to function in southern Lebanon," argues the daily Dayar.

The newspaper suggests that Syrian control of Lebanon may even bode well for Israel by putting a halt to terrorist activity in southern Lebanon, and bringing stability to the factionalized country.

Olmert, however, calls this view "nonsense" and points to a steady build up of PLO and Hizbollah forces in southern Lebanon. He cites Syrian pledges not to disarm those military forces in Lebanon whose only raison d'etre is to attack Israeli targets.

The proof of the pudding should come at the end of the month when the Syrian-backed Lebanese government is scheduled to extend its disarmament program throughout south Lebanon to include those areas controlled by the Hizbollah and Palestinian militias.

Col. Raanan Gissin, deputy spokesman of the Israel Defence Forces, argues that the danger of the Syrian-Lebanese accord is not its military implications but rather its "educational impact." "We have the means to defend ourselves, and Syria is unlikely to dare to cross what it knows are Israel's red lines," he asserts. "This accord does not threaten our northern border as much as it threatens the peace process.

"If you want to bring Syria to the negotiating table you don't give it nearly everything it wants before the negotiations begin," says Gissin.

Israel's response to the new arrangement in Lebanon is likely to be twofold. On the one hand, it has sent clear signals to Damascus that it will not tolerate any violation of its "red lines."

These include the escalation of terrorist activity in the security zone and along the northern border, the deployment of Syrian troops in southern Lebanon, and the installation of surface-to-air missiles.

The other response will be to sit and wait. Lebanon is not an easy country to rule. Many ethnic militias have reportedly hidden their weapons for future use. Until today, none of the powers and interest groups that have tried to introduce some order in the Labanese quagmire have succeeded.

Syria's ambitious attempt to swallow Lebanon whole could end up with Damascus spitting out an indigestible prey.

Jews applaud Ethiopian airlift

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Jewish communities across Canada and around the world rejoiced, prayed and sent kudos to Israel for its successful airlift of nearly 15,000 Ethiopian Jews.

"We're very close to the end of the chapter of one of the most threatened Jewish communities in the world," said Moshe Ronen, the Canadian Jewish Congress' national chairman in a telephone interview from Newfoundland where he's completing a week-long trip in Atlantic Canada.

"This operation crystallizes in the most direct way what Israel stands for. This is what we are all about."

Aviva Elezer, an Israeli Ethiopian Jew who is living in Toronto was "so happy." But she is worried about the eventual welfare of her brethren who escaped Ethiopia via Operation Solomon. "Israel needs money," she said. "They really need help."

Approximately 230 Jews still remain in Addis Abbaba and about 2,500 are trapped in a remote mountainous region of Ethiopia. "We don't feel like our work is over yet," said Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews program director Daisy Benchimol, the only paid full-time staffer. "I personally don't."

CAEJ president Cathy Katz-Himelfarb isn't sure what's going to happen to the 10-year old advocacy organization based in Toronto. She doesn't want to dilute the fundraising efforts of the United Jewish Appeal nor duplicate their effort. For the meantime, everything is on hold.

Stan Cytrynbaum of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Ethiopian Jewry Committee believes that the Ethiopian Jews have become a sufficiently large community (approximately 40,000) in Israel to effect changes. "They have become the strongest lobby for themselves and their families," he said. They've become the "prime movers" in their own lives, he said.

Celebrations were evident. While less than 200 Ethiopian Jews are believed to live in Canada (the majority are in Montreal), a solidarity rally was held in Montreal last Thursday, and one is planned in Ottawa for Sunday June 16.

Malka Abraham, an Ethiopian Jew, brought a message of peace, hope, and deliverance to the community faithful in Montreal. "The Torah teaches us that Hashem promised us the land of Israel, and one day, we, and all Jews, would return to the land of Israel," she said.

"This explains the basic philosophy of Beta Israel. It also explains why so many of our people who have suffered so much, have risked their health, their safety, their very lives, to fulfill this holy dream, this mitzvah of aliya to Eretz Israel," she said.

Abraham likened Operation Solomon to the " miracle (of) the exodus of the time of Moses. We feel we have come out of the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land."

Operation Solomon also had an unintended political effect, said Ronen. It excorciated the infamous UN General Assembly resolution equating Zionism is Racism once and for all.

"We're the only people in the world that have removed blacks from Africa not to slavery but to redemption and freedom," he said.

Rescue defines Israel's purpose: CJC

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

If ever there is a moment in time to understand the meaning of Israel, it is now — when thousands of Ethiopian Jews have been transported to safety in the Holy Land, declared John Rothmann, a United States expert in Middle East and Soviet affairs, in an address to the national symposium on leadership development of the Canadian Jewish Congress national small communities committee.

Rothmannn spoke the morning after the announcement was made that the Ethiopians had been airlifted to Israel and described it as "one of the most dramatic rescue missions" in history.

Men, women and children walked across mountains and deserts to seek freedom in Israel "and if there had been no Israel, there would have been no place for them to go," he said.

The three-day leadership symposium, which was supported by a grant from the federal department of multiculturalism, was held at the Jewish Community Centre of Vancouver and attracted delegates from some 20 centres across Canada — from Halifax to Victoria and as far north as Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories.

Rothmann, introduced by Marvin Stark, vice-chairman of the CJC's Pacific region, gave an analysis of the current Middle East situation and said Israel is caught "between a rock and a hard place."

Israelis, he said, are willing to make many compromises for peace but the country is surrounded by Arab neighbors who are still implacable foes and the continuing rise of Islamic fundamentalism puts the striving for peace very much in doubt.

Although there is peace with Egypt to the south, the Islamic movement is strongly opposed to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's participation in the recent Persian Gulf War and Mubarak's acceptance of $7 billion from the United States as a reward for joining the coalition forces. "Mubarak's survival is critical to any secure peace in the Middle East," Rothmann said.

Jordan, to the east, with 70 per cent of its population Palestinian, is in a tough spot and if King Hussein aligned himself with the West, he would be destroyed.

Syria to the northeast and Lebanon in the north are now joined by a treaty, said Rothmann, and while there is a cold war with Israel, this may be better than peace, Rothmann said, because peace would bring a revolution in Syria.

There is "deep disappointment" with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait regarding their attitude towards Israel, despite the massive assistance given them by the United States in the Persial Gulf War, and Iraq and Iran are still opposed to any dealings with Israel.

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Among the many concerns that traumatize the people of the world these days is a dreadful disease which is slowly reaching epidemic proportions. The name given to this debilitating and so far incurable sickness is acquired immune deficiency syndrome, better known as AIDS.

This infirmity, as explained by experts, causes the natural immune system in the human organism to be destroyed, thus removing the body's innate resistance to combat even minor viral infections, rendering it defenseless to the threat of total extinction (G-d forbid) The efforts of medical scientists focus mainly on efforts to restore the original immune system in these afflicted persons.

During the recent Shavuot festival, when Jews celebrated the giving of the Torah to our people millenia ago, I reflected on the spiritual state of the Jewish people in these very same terms.

Recalling the Talmudic statement (Bab. Kiddushin 30B) — "G-d spoke unto Israel: 'My children, I created the evil desire, but I also created the Torah as its antidote — If you occupy yourselves with the Torah you will not be delivered into His hand.' " I perceived the similarity.

The Jew's spiritual balance of health was maintained throughout history by the Torah, which according to tradition, came into existence even before Man's creation. His adherence to its ordained lifestyle provided him with a spiritual immune system; this afforded the Jew the ability to resist and to withstand the constant onslaught of destructive influences attacking his spiritual organism.

As we all know, in the course of history the Jew's spiritual immune system became eroded. This erosion now endangers his very survival. The Jew's spiritual immune system must be restored and revived in order to strengthen his resistance to the infectious spiritual diseases lying in wait to overwhelm him, thus assuring his survival.

The annual occasion for this restoration of our spiritual immune system is Shavuot, when we commit ourselves ever anew to the eternal "antidote" to the destructive corrosive attacks on our psyches.

For this restoration to be effective, we must seize this moment with all the seriousness and earnestness we can muster. We must recall the words of G-d to Moses when He commanded him at Sinai, "Come up to me on the mountain and be there" (Exodus 24:12).

This is strange language. Why was it necessary to add the words "and be there?" Surely, if Moses were to ascend the mountain he would be there.

This constitutes a plea for really being there, for urgency and gravity. We are asked here not only to climb up Sinai, but also to be fully aware of the crucial importance of this moment and the impact this re-acceptance of Torah must have on our future. It stresses the need for concentration, the need to focus mentally and emotionally on the meaning of this experience which must help us restore our spiritual immunity.

Rabbi Benjamin Hauer is the spiritual leader of the Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob Synagogue in Montreal.

Shabbos police give PM trouble

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A deputy minister's campaign to force largely secular Israelis to conform to strict Sabbath observance in the workplace has triggered a revolt within the Likud-led governing coalition that is developing into a headache for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Sara Doron, chairwoman of Likud's Knesset faction, has introduced an urgent motion for parliamentary debate on what she called the "blow against the delicate structure of secular-Orthodox coexistence" dealt by Menachem Porush of the Agudat Yisrael party.

Even Likud Knesset members who are personally observant are protesting Porush's use of squads of non-Jewish "Shabbos police" to spot-check stores and businesses to make sure they are not open on the Sabbath unless licensed.

Porush, as deputy minister of labor and welfare, has the authority to issue or revoke licences permitting work on the Sabbath. He claims he is merely upholding the law.

Israel's 1951 Hours of Work and Rest Law requires Jews to have Saturdays off unless employers can obtain special permits from the Labor Ministry. An employer must prove that closing on the Sabbath would threaten the safety and security of population at large to obtain a waiver.

But the law has been only loosely enforced in the past.

Shamir, who nominally holds the labor portfolio, has given Porush a free hand to run the ministry. Porush holds sub-cabinet rank by choice, since his strictly Orthodox party refuses to sit in a secular cabinet.

Agudah was the last of the four Orthodox parties to join the Likud government. It did so only after Shamir bowed to its demands to enforce laws banning pork, banning advertisements featuring scantily clad women, limiting access to abortion and virtually eliminating public transportation on Saturdays and religious holidays.

Shamir yielded because Agudah's five Knesset votes helped solidify his parliamentary majority.

But he may not have reckoned on the zeal with which the white-bearded Porush would attempt to mold Israeli society into an image of Orthodox religiosity — and on the strong backlash it would create within his own party, no less than in Labor and the left-wing opposition.

Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan of the right-wing Tsomet party said he would raise the issue in the cabinet on Sunday and demand that Shamir curb the Agudah leader or fire him.

The same demand was made by Knesset member Haggai Meirom of Labor, a leader of the kibbutz movement.

Even religiously observant politicians are upset.

Porush is "leading to a civil war, out of motives that are personal and political," said Likud Knesset member Ovadia Eli, the yarmulka-wearing mayor of Afula.

Mayor Eli Dayan of Ashkelon, also Orthodox and a member of the Labor Party, accused Porush of deliberately "creating a kulturkampf." He urged that the laws be modified to reduce the power wielded by a deputy minister.

Porush raised hackles in the political community earlier this year when he threatened to drastically reduce the number of Sabbath work permits issued to employees of Ben-Gurion Airport and to Jews employed by foreign airlines.

He was accused of trying to shut down Israel's only international airport on Saturday, just as Agudah succeeded earlier in forcing Israel's national airline, El Al, to suspend all service on Saturday and religious holidays.

The airport issue is presently under review by an interdepartmental committee set up by Porush.

Probably most annoying has been his use of squads of Druse investigators to swoop down on restaurants and places of entertainment on Saturdays to make sure they are observing Jewish religious law. If they are found open without a permit from Porush's ministry, they are subject to stiff penalties.

The kibbutz movement vowed this week to fight back after Porush said he would send his inspectors to make sure kibbutz factories were closed on the Sabbath.

PEKI'IN

Peki'in is a small village in the Galilee which has had a continual Jewish presence for many centuries. The village however is mainly inhabited by Christians and Arabs and now only one family remains — the Zinati family. The Zinatis pride themselves on never having been exiled from Israel. The village has a synagogue whose foundation is as old as the Peki'in tradition itself. Restored in 1873 it is said that part of the wall of the synagogue was constructed from stones brought from Jerusalem at the time of the First Temple. There are fragments of Jewish symbols in the synagogue that are confirmed as being from the second and third centuries C.E. The synagogue of Peki'in is used as a yeshiva and the strong Jewish connection with Peki'in continues through study and learning. Here, Rabbi Moshe Helpert visits the ancient synagogue. [IPPA photo]

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Standing L to R:
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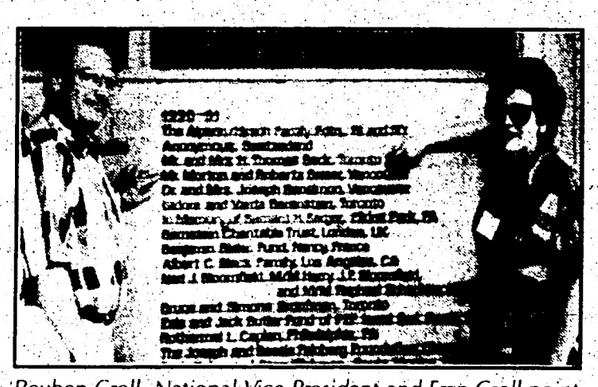

Reuben Croll, National Vice-President and Fran Croll point to new Founders from Vancouver.

Leisurely dinner in Jerusalem
Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, Nani Beutel, BGU Prof. Avinoam Livne, Annette Oelbaum

Prof. Dan Shueftan, (R), political scientist, author and lecturer addresses the Canadian mission.
Seated Ed and Marion Vickar.

Excavations at the City of David
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Organizations and People

Sole right to determine policy

WJCC gets increased power

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Following the recommendations of its Constitutional Review Committee, the board of directors of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC) has voted to give its streamlined executive more power to run the community's day-to-day affairs more efficiently.

At the same time, the democratically elected board retains the power of the purse and the sole right to determine policy.

The eight-person review committee was established last July, under the chairmanship of WJCC senior vice-president Rael Ludwig, to look at how the board was operating, analyse how well the system of democratically elected representation was functioning and recommend changes where necessary.

The other committee members included Elliot Leven, Lawrie Cherniack, Diane Glass, Marilyn Goldberg, Perry Schulman, WJCC president Sid Halpern and WJCC executive directive Bob Freedman.

Ludwig reports his committee came up with 17 recommendations. The major one was defining the role of the board vis-a-vis its executive. "We found things weren't being done efficiently," he says. "There was too much duplication of efforts. We looked at other boards in the community to see how they operated. Since we have a large board (51 members), we opted for a tighter executive whose mandate is the community's daily affairs.

"Thus the executive can't set policy or the budget or buy non-budget items. It has to report its activities to the board but it no longer needs the board's approval for everything it does."

As well, the board accepted the committee's recommendation to reduce the size of the executive from 13 to 10 by combining the secretary and treasurer and dropping, from the executive, one executive at large and the chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal.

The moves received widespread support. "The board sets policy and the executive is there to carry it out," says WJCC board member Benson Labinsky. "Under the old system, the executive was unable to carry out its job because everything was being brought back to the board and everybody wanted to have their say.

"These aren't drastic changes," says Labinsky's fellow board member Philip Weiss. "It just gives the executive a little more leeway in decision making."

A couple of the committee's other suggestions received much less unanimous support. The committee recommended the board being reduced to 36 elected members from 48 and 15 members be appointed, up from three.

The board agreed to the reduction in elected members but chose to limit appointees to six, including the president of The Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and four chairmen of the CJA.

"We felt there are skilled individuals out there who could benefit the community who may be reluctant to bother with the electoral process," says Ludwig. "For the same reason, we felt representatives of the Russian and Israeli communities and the young aren't being involved. There are also potential major givers who don't contribute because they aren't involved in the community and don't know what's going on."

Past WJCC president Evelyn Katz supports Ludwig's arguments. "The perception there may be that the appointees will all be presidential cronies is wrong," she says. "What we want is broader representation to enhance the board."

Labinsky agrees a smaller board makes sense. "Only about half the board members regularly attend the meetings," he says. "Maybe a smaller board will lead to more enthusiasm and better attendance. If it doesn't work out, we can always change it again."

The committee's contention however that 10 meetings a year were too many did not find agreement with board members: Ten meetings a year remain the norm.

Still to be discussed are committee recommendations to do away with much of the paper involved in the yearly balloting for WJCC board members (a third of the positions are up for election each year) and a change in the way votes are counted to prevent "plumping" (where a candidate may get his friends to vote only for him rather than marking Xs beside up to 15 other names).

The changes are to take effect in September.

J.P. Grossman first in U.S. contest

Local student takes top math honors

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Jeffrey Paul Grossman, 18, "everybody calls me J.P." has placed first in a United States math contest involving 400,000 students.

The son of Dr. Larry and Sharon Grossman, a student at Northern Secondary School, he took top honors in the U.S. Mathematical Olympiad.

He will anchor Canada's team at the international Math Olympiad at Sigtuna, Sweden, July 11 to 23.

Grossman will be honored with seven other students in Washington at a State Department ceremony June 10.

The math whiz told The CJN that he is not sure whether he will follow a career involving his mathematical skills. "I don't know about that," he said. "I like law."

He plays soccer for his high school and other extra-curricular interests are chess, debating, music, skiing and drama improvisation.

Born in Vancouver, he attended Allenby and Arlington public schools in Toronto. He is in Grade 12.

His fascination with figures amazed his father. "One day when he was five," said Grossman, "he was sitting at the breakfast table with a glazed look in his eyes when he turned and asked me if I knew there were 1,440 minutes in a day. He had figured it out in his head. That's when I had my first inkling about J.P.'s abilities."

His math teacher at Northern Secondary is Keith Mclean. "I go to him with math problems now and he can rattle off two or three answers for me in minutes," Mclean said.

The U.S. Olympiad involves three stages of competition, with the best scores moving into the next round. Of the 139 students who took the final test, only Grossman and a New York student were able to score more than 80 per cent. Most scored less than 20 per cent.

Grossman has two brothers, Josh, 14, and Tovi, 12.

J.P. Grossman

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Residents support latest proposal

Ohr Somayach compromises on housing project

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

In a compromise reached between Ohr Somayach Residential Centre Inc. and area residents, an assisted housing project originally proposed for 240 units on 14 floors has been scaled down to 125 units on 8 floors, terraced back from Clark on the second, sixth and eighth levels.

The residents, who generally support this latest suggestion, have also requested that the developers try to set the building further back from the street.

Ohr Somayach wants to build a not-for-profit housing project in Thornhill.

They are seeking rezoning permission from the city of Vaughan to permit the housing project and, adjacent, a new Bais Yaakov high school.

Local ratepayers want to protect their children from massive traffic problems, and seriously overcrowded schools, and to preserve what they see as the desirable character of the area.

The dispute is over a parcel of land fronting Clark Avenue between Bathurst and Yonge streets.

It is bordered by Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation and the Garnet Williams Community Centre.

The land is part of what was originally a 3.4 hectrare tract owned by Joseph Tanenbaum, president of Runnymede Development Corp. It was always intended for charitable, insitutional purposes, notes Jack Feintuch, executive vice-president of Runnymede.

It was originally intended as a new home for Ner Israel yeshiva, then on Finch near Bathurst. When the yeshiva decided not to build in the Spring Farm area, parcels of the land were transferred to neighboring institutions, the BAYT synagogue and Eitz Chaim Schools.

The remaining 1.8 hectares, Feintuch explained, is still held in trust by Runnymede, awaiting transfer to Ohr Somayach Residential Centre Inc.

Runnymede vice-president John Kaplan is on the board of directors of Ohr Somayach Residential Centre Inc., the corporation that has applied for permission to build the assisted housing project, and who will be ultimately responsible for overseeing its management.

Kaplan says his grandparents, Joseph and Faye Tannenbaum, were always committed to building assisted housing for seniors and others in Spring Farm.

As well, Kaplan says, they wanted to in some way help Ohr Somayach, an institution they started.

Kaplan says that Vaughan planning staff considered the density and traffic levels within acceptable levels even under the previous proposal.

The residents say that traffic is already very heavy in the area, especially on York Hill Boulevard near Clark, which is the exit for BAYT, a pickup and drop-off point for Eitz Chaim School students and a frequently used short-cut for those travelling south of Clark.

The 125-unit proposal would require only one exit, which would be on Clark.

The height of both the Garnet Williams Community Centre and the synagogue are in keeping with the area, says Jack Barmak, a Thornhill resident who actively opposed the high density proposal.

The 240 unit project would have been out of proportion to the rest of the neighborhood, he says.

The latest proposal, especially if set far enough back from the street, would solve this concern, Barmak says.

The residents are also concerned about whether the new Bais Yaakov will, in fact, be built, he told The CJN.

Feintuch told The CJN that Runnymede has an "understanding" with Bais Yaakov that they will build within a reasonable time (about three to five years).

If they don't build, he said, the land will revert back, and some other Jewish institutional use will be considered.

"But definitely not more housing."

Gabriel Tropea, program co-ordinator of the Ontario Ministry of Housing for the Region of York, says that his department is awaiting Vaughan's final approval, although the ministry has consulted with the corporation during the planning process.

The ministry's contribution to the project (the building is intended to be over 60 per cent subsidized rental housing) will then be subject to negotiation.

Susan Cohon

Susan Cohon feted with Gardiner Award

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

Susan Cohon, an active member of Toronto's Jewish community, was recently honored with one of three Gardiner Awards for her community work at a banquet at the Royal York Hotel.

Established in 1984, the Gardiner Awards are presented annually by Metropolitan Toronto Council, in co-operation with the Toronto Jaycees and Junior Board of Trade, to recognize citizens of the year in the Metro Toronto community. This year Metro Toronto Council chairman Alan Tonks presented the awards.

Cohon, the wife of McDonald's Canada CEO and president George Cohon, was recognized for her longstanding volunteerism in the medical field.

Cohon has been active with the auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital since 1969 and was a founding member of Operation Herbie, which brings foreign children needing medial attention to Toronto Hospital for Sick Children for treatment.

Cohon also helped to raise sufficient funds to develop a Chair for Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto.

As well, she is active on the board of the Canadian Paraplegic Association, which provides motor impaired Canadians with innovative programs and services to help them re-integrate into their communities.

Cohon is also a driving force as chairman of Variety Village, a sports and fitness facility for disabled children in Scarborough which she describes as "the premiere facility of its kind in the world." Under her leadership, Variety Village is in the process of acquiring funding from the Metro School Board for physical education classes for the physically handicapped.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., Cohon moved to Toronto in 1968. She told The CJN prior to the awards banquet, "I appreciate receiving this very much, especially being a newcomer to Canada."

The two other recipients were Dr. Fai Liu, who is a driving force behind the first Chinese Canadian charitable organization in Ontario, the Mon Sheong Foundation, which he helped establish 18 years ago; and Janet MacInnis, who is active on the boards of Women's College Hospital, the United Way and other causes.

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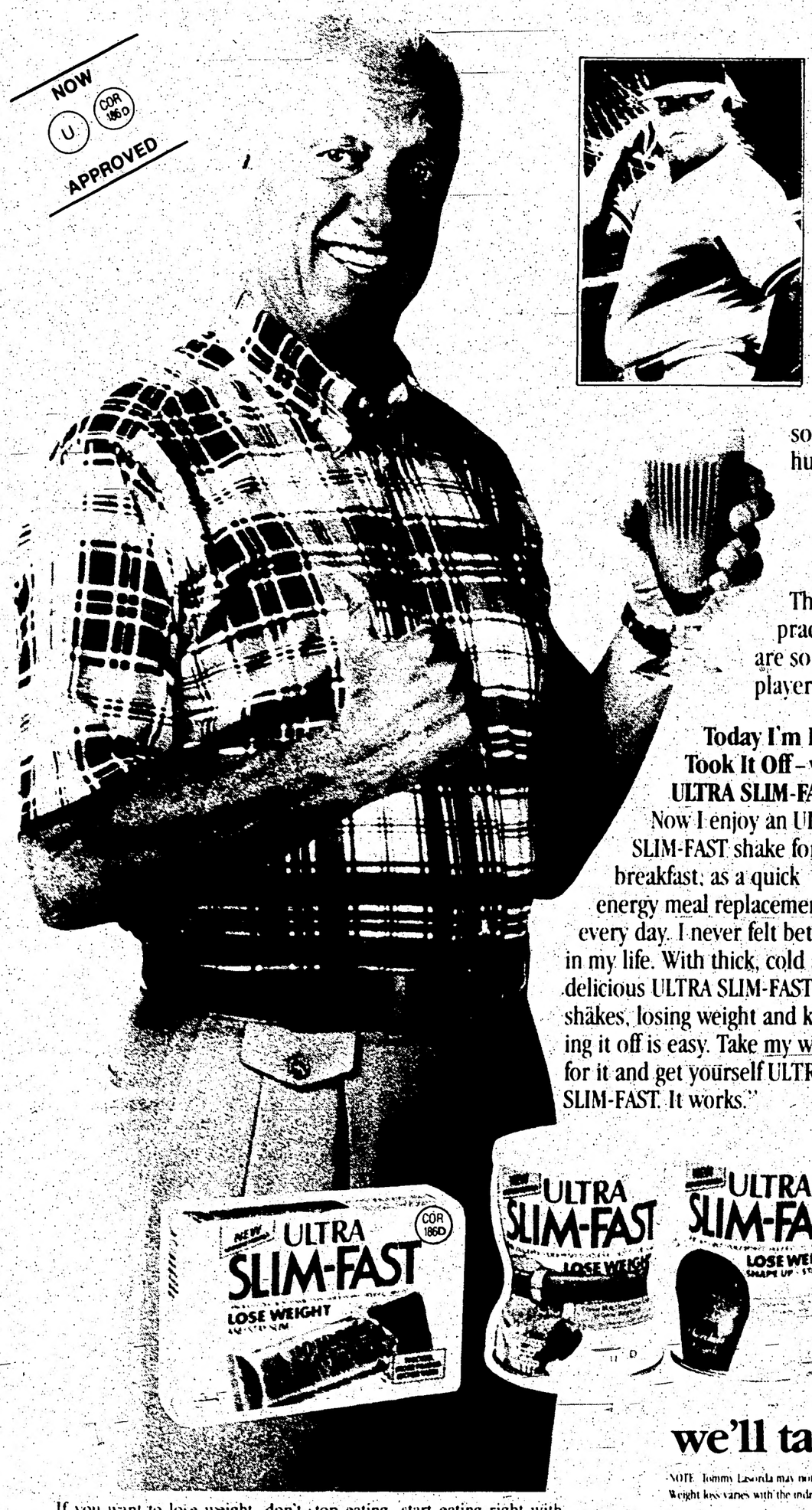
— Tommy Lasorda



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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

As you know, the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, June 6, is deadline for the June 20 issue). However, The CJN will not be publishing issues on July 4 and July 18. That means deadline changes for material for these columns. For instance, Thursday, June 13, which is the deadline for the June 27 issue, must also include material that would ordinarily be included in July 4 issue.

Further changes will be detailed in next week's column. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on Thursdays.

Friday, June 7

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

On Friday, June 7, concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd. The program will feature, Jewish popular and semi-classical music. The time is 2-3 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

CASINO/BOWL MONTE CARLO

B'nai Brith Canada, the Toronto Cathay Lions Club and the Mandarin School are pooling their efforts in a fund raising event on Saturday, June 8, when Club 300 Bowl, 146 Old Kennedy Rd., Markham, will host a mammoth Casino/Bowl Monte Carlo evening featuring bowling, games of chance a gala auction, local celebrities and a $1,000 door prize. Honorary chairman of the evening is **Tony Roman**, mayor of Markham.

All funds raised will go in support of ongoing child and senior programs, the League for Human Rights, and through the Mandarin Club to assist its Chinese Heritage and Language curriculum.

Tickets for the event and the grand prize draw are $10 and will be available at the door and at B'nai Brith at 731-3553 (**Rick Eisen**).

Sunday, June 9

GENERATION TO GENERATION

The Generation to Generation discussion group picnic, Celebration of Life, is set for Sunday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building (grassland next to parking lot), 4600 Bathurst St.

This promises to be lots of fun, so bring a friend along. For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

LAWS OF MEZUZAH

Rabbi Baruch Simon, a Fellow of the Caroline and Joseph S. Gruss Kollel Elyon, the institute for advanced rabbinic studies at the Yeshiva University affiliated with Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), will deliver two *shiurim* (lectures) in Toronto. On Saturday, June 8, he will address Congregation B'nai Torah, and on Sunday, June 9, Kehilat Shaarei Torah.

Rabbi Baruch Simon

Rabbi Simon, who will speak on the Laws of Mezuzah, is one of 17 select Fellows who will deliver some 60 lectures this spring.

GIANT BAZAAR

At Shaar Shalom Sisterhood's annual giant bazaar on Sunday, June 9, you'll find bargains galore in new merchandise, clothing, denim jeans, household items, toys, linens, lamps and more.

It runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill (Don Mills Rd., one block north of Steeles). Admission is free.

FREE CAR WASH

Temple Har Zion's Senior Youth Group is holding a free car wash on Sunday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the temple, 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill.

Bring your cars and support the youth!

FAMILY DAY AT THE ROM

On Sunday, June 9 from 12:30-4:30 p.m., the entire family can enjoy activities complementing the exhibit, A Coat of Many Colours, at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Naomi Bell

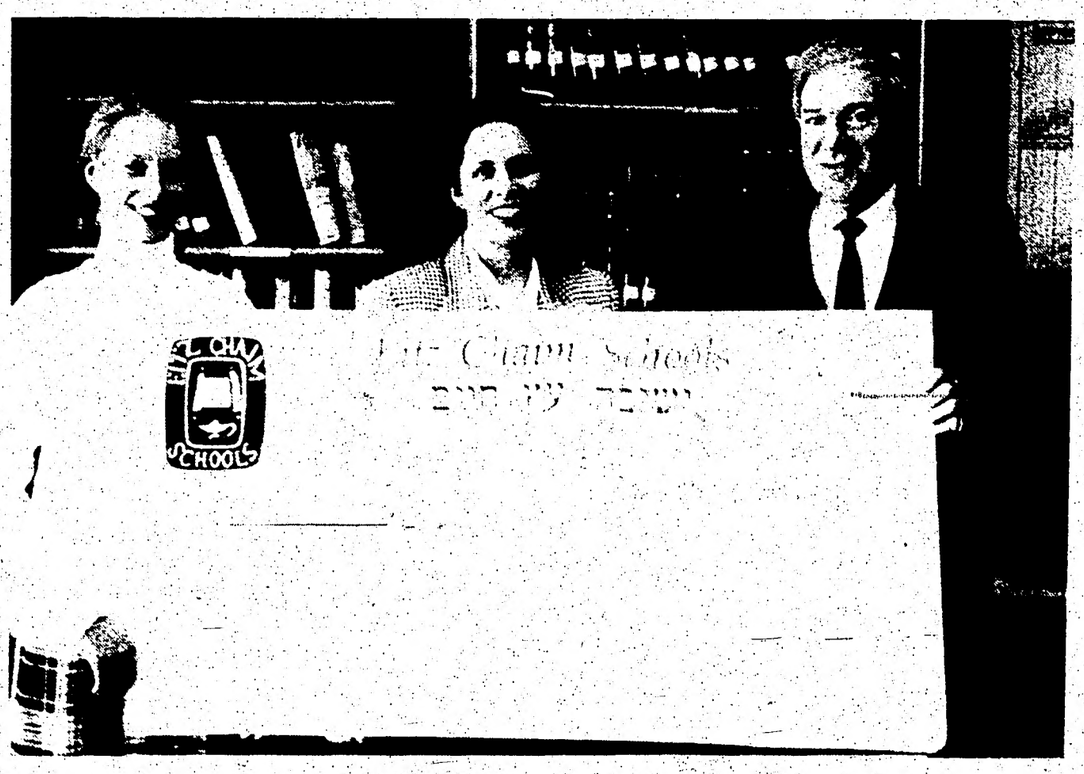
A special feature at 2 p.m. will be **Naomi Bell's** presentation, From the Shtetl to America: Songs of the Jewish Immigrant. In her lecture-recital, Bell will sing and play songs about Ellis Island, the sweatshops, and other Jewish experiences in *"di goldene medine."*

The afternoon will also include storytelling with **Justin Lewis**.

GARAGE SALE

The garage sale sponsored by Elan Chapter, B'nai Brith Women, on Sunday, JUne 9, features a wide selection of items ranging from small appliances to children's clothing and much more. This is a great opportunity for smart shoppers!

The time is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3 Evergreen Cres., Thornhill (one block south of Hwy 7 off Bayview and Sycamore).



EITZ CHAIM FUND RAISER

Jennie Forshtendiker, a Grade 8 student at Eitz Chaim School, and Laya Tenenbaum, president of the Eitz Chaim's Mothers' Association, present a check for $4,800 to Alan Spector, the Toronto representative of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel. The money was part of the proceeds of a fund raising drive to support the life blood of Israel during the Gulf War which also included a campaign for packages for Israeli soldiers. A total of $10,300 was raised in a very short period of time. In addition, Eitz Chaim students sent 2,000 letters to Israeli soldiers plus 2,000 to Canadian soldiers.

CHAI-TIKVAH FOUNDATION

The Chai-Tikvah Foundation provides housing, support and education to people who have experienced psychiatric problems to help them better integrate into the community. The Jerry Turk Fellowship Home for Jewish adult former psychiatric patients is the means by which Chai-Tikvah currently achieves these objectives. Newly elected executive officers are (from right) Robert Skolnik, president; Ron Smith, vice-president; Cindy Klaiman, secretary, and Alan Zysman, treasurer.

Monday, June 10

BRUNCH-TIME SHIUR

The Womens' Studies Program, Ohr Somayach Thornhill, is presenting a new four-part series of shiurim dealing with the human life cycle. The series started on Monday, June 3, with Child Safety and Nutrition, with **Ruth Rothman**. It continues on Monday, June 10, with Goals of Torah Parenting with author/lecturer **Sarah Channa Radcliffe**.

The lectures take place in the Ohr Somayach board room, 613 Clark Ave. W., on Monday mornings from 10-11:30 where brunch and coffee will be served. A couvert of $3 per person is charged. Babysitting is available for this and all daytime activities.

For more information and reservations, call **Michelle** or **Jill** at 886-5730.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents Nutrition and Weaning, the last in the series of four monthly meetings, on Monday, June 10, at 8 p.m. at 211 Winding Lane, Thornhill. Discussion will focus on starting solids, discipline, weaning and other issues.

Meetings are open to to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome. For further information, phone **Ruth** at 736-1758 or **Joyce** at 881-8779 or **Karen** at 221-7002.

BASICS SEMINAR

BASICS, an innovative series of individual seminars presented by Aish HaTorah and geared to students and professionals 20-45 years of age, continues on Monday, June 10, with the topic Leadership.

The lectures take place at 7 p.m. at Aish HaTorah, 296A Wilson Ave. For information, call 636-7530.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children at Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) which meets on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available.

Tuesday, June 11

CONTEMPORARY JEWISH ISSUES

Chabad Adult Institute's four-lecture series by **Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet** continues on Tuesday, June 11, with Will the Real Moshiach Please Stand Up — Theological and Praetcical Aspects — The Personality and Effects of Moshiach.

The time is 8:30 p.m. at Chabad lubavitch Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. Admission is $4. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 731-7000.

LECTURE & DISCUSSION GROUP

A Tuesday morning enrichment lecture and discussion group meets at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., in the board room from 9:45-11:30 a.m., weekly through June.

On June 11, educator **Sam Kapustin** of CHAT, will discuss Is the Messianic Age Upon Us? Conflicting Views of Jewish History.

Excellent babysitting is available from 9:30 a.m. For information, call **Rhonda** at 663-3812.

GENERATIONS

When Lindsay Racquel Bensimon was born this past April, she became the fifth generation of first-borns on her mother's side. Her mother is Ellen Dara Ogus (top right), grandmother Carole Ogus (bottom left), great-grandmother Gertrude Fidler (top left) and holding Lindsay Racquel is great-great-grandmother Anne Stulberg, 92. Father is Dr. Jeffrey Bensimon, grandfather is Michael Ogus and great-grandfather is Murray Fidler.

Wednesday, June 12

SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY AWARD

The winner of this year's Temple Sinai Musical Legacy Award is 16-year-old pianist **Vadim Serebryany**, the youngest musician ever to receive this award, now in its eighth year.

Born in Leningrad, Vadim arrived in Canada when he was only three. Beginning piano studies at the age of eight at the Royal Conservatory of Music, he was admitted to the Conservatory's Pre-College Performance program in 1984, where he is still studying. Vadim is the winner of numerous awards and scholarships and has played many concerts at the Conservatory and the Canadian Music Competitions.

Temple Sinai is hosting this gifted young musician at his Award Concert on Wednesday, June 12, at 8 p.m. in the sanctuary, 210 Wilson Ave.

ATLANTIC CANADA PREMIERE

Canadian Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies is holding the Atlantic Canada Benefit gala premiere of the Centre's new documentary, *Echoes That Remain*, on Wednesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at the Oxford Theatre in Halifax.

The event will be jointly sponsored by a group of committed and enthusiastic leaders in the Halifax Jewish community. Chairing the evening event are **Frank Medjuck** and **John Goldberg**. Honorary chairmen are **Dr. Errol Gaum**, president, Beth Israel Synagogue, and **Barbara Paton**, president, Shaar Shalom Synagogue.

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Tickets per couple are $250 Patrons, $150 Sponsors, $100 Friends. Individual student tickets are $25. For tickets, call (902) 429-0663.

(ICRF) EVENING AT THE ROM

The Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) is hosting an evening at the Royal Ontario Museum's exhibition A Coat of many Colours: Two Centuries of Jewish Life in Canada on Wednesday, June 12, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from $25 to $1,000 for sponsors.

This event, jointly co-ordinated by the ICRF and the Young Associates Division, is one of an ongoing series of fund raising activities that are co-ordinated annually to assist in funding the research to fight cancer.

OVERBROOK CULTURAL CLUB

On Wednesday, June 12, the Overbrook Cultural Club is showing a film video about life in Florida, an interaction of senior citizens in "Sunset Village."

The time is 2 p.m. at 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107, Downsview (corner Wilmington and Overlhorne). Refreshments will be served. Admission

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework of Toronto encourages guests to attend Show and Share of members' works on Wednesday, June 12, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

For information, call **Evelyn Jacobs** at 731-6160.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

Mom's Morning Out is a group that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11 at Shaareh Haim Synagogue house, 9711 Bayview Ave. On June 12, a representative from St. John's Ambulance will discuss First Aid and Water Safety.

Babysitting is provided. RSVP to **Joni Richardson** at 764-9243 or **Jo-Anne Ross Freeman** at 886-2153.

LUNCH & LEARN IN RETIREMENT

The Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group will be meeting at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., on Wednesday, June 12, when guest speaker **Prof. Irving Abella** will speak on The Untold History of Canadian Jewry. Prof. Abella is professor of history at York University and author of A Coat of Many Colours: Two Centuries of Jewish Life in Canada.

The group meets at noon. Bring your own lunch and coffee, tea and cookies will be provided at no charge. Everyone is welcome.

Also, the group has two interesting outings coming up — on Tuesday, June 25, to view the exhibit, A Coat of Many Colours, at the Royal Ontario Museum (deadline for reservations is June 12) and on July 17, a trip to the McMichael Art Gallery with a guided tour and high tea at a cost of $10. Reserve for both these events at the temple office, 789-3291.

PLAYGROUND

Seen above are Alderman Ben Nobleman and his wife Norma with three young constituents, Shandale Bonin, 6, Brian Chahley 3, and Maggie Hidderley, 6, at a swing at the recent opening ceremony of the new playground in the Ben Nobleman Park in the City of York. Alderman Nobleman is celebrating his 25th anniversary as alderman for Ward 1 in York. The Ben Nobleman Park is located on Eglinton Ave. W. near Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Thursday, June 13

INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING

The Institute for Jewish Learning presents the Harry Posen Memorial Lecture and Siyum with **Norman Podhoretz**, editor of Commentary Magazine, on Thursday, June 13, when he will discuss Israel: Obsession, Obligation, Opportunity?

The time is 7:45 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce lecture on Israeli Stocks Traded in the U.S. and Capital Markets in Israel (Investment Opportunites in Both) will be given by **Jonathan Ben- Knaan**, president of Axiom-ICF Capital Inc., New York.

Ben-Knaan will present a survey of Israeli companies publicly traded in the U.S. and will give an explanation of their remarkable performance over the past 2½ years. He will also analyze fundamental developments of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The lecture takes place Thursday, June 13, at 8 p.m. Admission is $10. For advance reservations, call the Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce at 961-7302.

WOMENS' STUDIES PROGRAM

Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill's Womens' speaker, **Frank Dimant**, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith, who has recently returned from Israel and has been perturbed by growing signs of anti-Semitism throughout the formerly communist world, and throughout Europe, will speak on The New World Order and its Meaning for the Jewish People.

The luncheon will take place on Thursday, June 13, at 12:45 p.m. at 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Couvert is $18 per person. Babysitting is available at no extra charge. Call in your reservation as soon as possible. The number is 886-5730 and ask for **Jill** or **Michelle**.

BOOK AWARDS NIGHT

The Jewish Book Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress will hold its annual Book Awards Night on Thursday, June 13 at 8 p.m. in the Conference Centre of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Dr. Saul Levine

Prizes will be presented to **Miriam Waddington** for Jewish scholarship, **Dr. Martin Lockshin** for biblical scholarship, **Ibola Grossman** for Holocaust literature, and **Kenneth Sherman** for creative writing.

The guest speaker will be Toronto Star columnist **Dr. Saul Levine**, author and head of psychiatry at Sunnybrook Medical Centre.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

And What Else Is New...

WORKSHOP IN YIDDISH

A workshop in Yiddish folk, art and theatre songs given by **Zalmen Mlotek**, noted New York conductor/musical director/teacher and co-producer of *Those Were the Days*, is being sponsored by the education committee, Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20. The workshop will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., Room 29, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Class is limited to 25 students. The fee is $15 per session. Refreshments and some notation will be provided. For information, call **Lenka Lichtenberg** at 256-2947 or **Sylvia Lustgarten** at 635-2883, ext. 155.

CHASSIDIC INSIGHTS

Chassidic Insights, providing an innovative series of weekend retreats, evening lectures and other programming sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Thornhill, is presenting a weekend retreat for adults and families Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22. The theme is Body and Soul — a spiritual approach to family holistic life.

Lectures, discussions, services, supervised children's program and meals will be an integral part of the agenda. Accommodations are provided by the Lubavitch community of Thornhill who are opening their homes for the entire duration of this Shabbat.

Rabbi Sholom Lipskar, spiritual leader of The Shul, Bar Harbour, Florida, will be participating in the retreat program. He is director of the Aleph Institute, has served as a principal, founder and dean of Landa Yeshiva Centre in Miami, and is a well-known radio talk show host.

IDF VISITS BAYCREST

Four officers from the Israeli Defence Forces recently visited with patients and residents at Baycrest Centre. They answered questions about their jobs and about the current situation in Israel which was of special concern to some elederly people who have family members living there. The young officers (from left) Capt. Moshe Alperts of the Armor Corps, Capt. Hillel Hellman of the Air Force, Lieut. Tomer Gonen of the Navy, and Lieut. Dan Hof, engineer, were in Canada on a fund raising tour to raise money for the Association for the Wellbeing of Israel's Soldiers, a group which sends letters and gifts to Israeli soldiers in the field.

"GOOD STUFF" IS NEEDED

Did you know that your "good stuff" is worth dollars? National Council of Jewish Women is planning its first ever "Good Stuff" Sale on Sunday, June 23, and needs good saleable merchandise.

Bring your "good stuff" on consignment to 1110 Finch Ave. W., Unit 7 — women's and children's clothing, men's sweaters and shirts (no suits or shoes please), toys, household items, collectibles and such — Monday to Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings 6-8, June 6-20. You will receive 50 per cent of the sale price when your "good stuff" is sold.

For further information, call NCJW of Canada at 665-8251.

SPRING TEA

Chana Senesh Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is presenting its spring tea on Sunday, June 16, at 2:30 p.m. at Beth Habonim Congregation Hall, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn).

The speaker will be **Lewis Moses** and entertainment will be provided by concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** and singer **Lillian Keltz** in a program of Hungarian, Yiddish, Hebrew and semi-classical music, plus a presentation by the Boobies and Zaidies Dance Group. **Lili Frank Grossman** will be master of ceremonies.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is $15 per person. Refreshments and homemade goodies will be served.

SUMMER STAGE FOR TEENS

Register now for the Leah Posluns Theatre School's Summer Stage for Teens program. Courses will run July 2-26, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

Classes will consist of Theatre Exercises and Games, Improvisation, Scripted Work, Movement, Backstage Workshops and more. Instructors are caring theatre professionals. Classes will

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Register now for a month of creativity [illegible] by calling the school at 636-1880, ext. 287 or 298.

A TASTE OF MUSIC

Song material by **Martin Kramer**, performed by the band, Endless Kitchen, is being featured as theme entertainment material during Foodshare's annual barbecue fund raiser at Nathan Phillips Square, June 5 and 6 during lunch hour, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THE FANATSY OF FABERGE

The Fantasy of Faberge, an exhibit of Faberge and his contemporaries, goes on view at Roy Thomson Hall June 10-22 from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. See 60 incredible articles such as picture frames, eggs, boxes and bowls crafted in the finest gold, silver and semi-precious stones that gave Faberge and his contemporaries their unique reputation.

This exhibit is a fund raising project of the Toronto Symphony Women's Committee. General admission is $7.50. Admission for students, seniors or groups of 20 or more is $6. There is a grand draw for an all inclusive trip to Moscow for two.

For tickets call 872-4255 or the box offices of Roy Thomson Hall/Massey Hall.

KEHILAT AHAVAT CHESED

Kehilat Ahavat Chesed invites the community to meet its rabbinical candidate, **Rabbi Chana Tifferet Siegel** on Friday, June 7, or Saturday, June 8. People interested in exploring an egalitarian, participatory traditional congregation are encouraged to attend part or all of the weekend activities.

Rabbi Siegel will be leading Kabbalat Shabbat services, followed by song and dance on Friday

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What's New

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evening. A potluck vegetarian supper will follow. Reservations are a must. Call 633-6837.

Saturday morning services will be held at 788 Marlee Ave., beginning at 9:30 a.m. A kiddush will follow. Later Shabbat afternoon, Rabbi Siegel will lead a Torah discussion as part of Shalosh Seudot.

Rabbi Siegel established the Or Shalom Congregation in Vancouver and more recently a Chavurah in New Hampshire. As well, she has two record albums entitled Or Chadash and VeTaher Lebaynu.

For further information, call the synagogue office at 782-2940 or 633-6837.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

The Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is accepting registration for summer courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students.

The evening courses run July 4-Aug. 22 from 7:30-9. All courses are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew by Aug. 22.

The instructor for the beginners course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method in teaching Hebrew.

For consultation and registration, call Mr. Klinger at 787-0197.

PROJECT CLOTHESLINE

Project Clothesline thanks the community for its wonderful response, but please, no more clothes until the fall. Catch-up time is needed.

Project Clothesline will let you know when it is ready again.

MEDINA WORKSHOPS

Medina Theatre Ensemble is holding workshops with **Allan Guttman** of Second City June 8 and 9.

The charge is $35 and reservations are limited. Call 633-2057 or 785-1074.

for seniors

Discover how today's seniors get active and stay healthy during the second annual **Senior's Health and Fitness Day** presented by the Lawrence Plaza Merchants Association at the plaza (Lawrence Ave. W. at Bathurst) on Tuesday, June 11. This all-day event features information regarding educational programs, support services, kosher Meals-on-Wheels, volunteer opportunities, complimentary spinal analysis by chiropractor **Dr. Jean Seveno**, entertainment by the Second Mile Rockettes dance group, a chance to win a $500 shopping spree and much more.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group 55 Plus invites members to hear humorist **Sidney Brickman** on Tuesday, June 11, when his topic will be Humor in Jewish Literature. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, lower assembly hall, 3080 Bayview Ave. For information, call **Sara** at 226-2261.

South African Jewish Association Canada (SAJAC) Seniors is planning a trip to Quebec Thursday, July 11 to Sunday, July 14, by bus.

PURCHASER

Gerda Steinitz Frieberg (centre) was the recent purchaser of Torch Bearer menorah, made available by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem as a way to support the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem. She is joined by the Society's co-chairman David Smuschkowitz (left) and chairman Joel Dimitry. For information on how to buy a menorah, call (416) 660-6028.

On Tuesday, June 25, the **Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group** will be going to the Royal Ontario Museum to view the exhibition, A Coat of Many Colours. The cost of $6.50 includes earphone description of the exhibit and tea in the Members Lounge. Space must be reserved by June 12. Call **Tera** at 789-3291.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal in Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin** at 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein** at 630-3862 between 7 and 9 p.m.

Sunshine Active Seniors, 55-70, welcomes you on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre for an afternoon of socializing and mix and mingle. Come out and participate in upcoming events, lectures, outings, enjoy refreshments and door prizes and more. A boat ride is planned on July 22 at a cost of $10 which includes entertainment and transportation. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503 or **Freda** at 224-0549.

The Romanian Social Club of the **Wagman Centre** welcomes new members 55 and over. The club meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1:30-3 at the Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271.

CENTRE FORT CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Centre's 11th annual Health Fair, In Celebration of Age, is being held Thursday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special guest speakers include **Councillor Howard Moscoe, occupation therapist Carol Kelly,** and **Dr. Michael Gordon**, chief of medicine, Baycrest Centre. The Fair will offer literature and information from over 50 community agencies, clinics, hands-on displays, exhibits, films, lectures and demonstrations plus an innovative "Show and Tell" exhibit of non-medical assistive devices. Admission is free.

The movie, *Ishtar*, will be screened Sunday, June 9, at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free for members, $1 non-members.

A Father's Day dessert party is set for Wednesday, June 12, at 1:30 p.m. featuring an afternoon of music and song with **Sheryl Ray** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. The charge is $4 members, $5 non-members.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

at the JCC

The JCC Original Singles 50 Plus dance takes place Sunday, June 16, at 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets are $6. Call **Stephanie Shuler** at 636-1880.

The Centre to Centre Israel Program is still accepting applications. Trip dates are July 3-24. The cost is $1,750 and includes airfare, meals, accommodation and an exciting three-week tour of Israel. Time is running out, so call **Burt Serfaty** at the JCC at 636-1880, ext. 266.

A reminder that the fifth annual Basketball Camp for boys and girls, ages 6-16, sponsored by the JCC and Nike, is being held Aug. 26-30 at the North Y Branch. Instruction and competition is offered at all age levels. Contact basketball co-ordinator **Janine Krusky** at 636-1880, ext. 261.

The Twentysomething Uptowners Downtowners Club invites you to join in a brunch and hike on Sunday, June 9. Meet at 11 a.m. at the North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 206. The cost is $15. Reservations and payment must be made in advance. Call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Special summer membership is now available at the North Y Branch, starting at $150. For information, call **Frances Adler** at 636-1880.

Registration for summer camp at the JCC Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) is now taking place. Call **Florence** at 924-6211 for information.

Volunteers are needed to fill interesting, challenging positions at the Bloor Y. Call **Barbara** at 631-5665.

The JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge for members every Monday evening from 7:30-11. The cost is $3 per session. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

The Valley Tennis and Swim Club is holding a tennis round robin dance on Sunday, June 16. Tennis is from 7:30-9 p.m., the dance begins at 8:30. The cost is $8. Call **Nurit** at 889-0813 for information.

Registration is being accepted for the Valley junior summer program for ages 5-12. The two-week sessions begin July 2, offering tennis and swim lessons and more. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline at 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

For further details, contact **Sybil** or **Gerald Berley** at 449-6065.

The JCC Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) will be running seniors programs throughout the summer — knitting, bridge, dance, fitness and Good Age Club. For information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

LZA Seniors Club members have just returned from the West Coast trip and are looking forward to the trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Castkills leaving July 21 and 23. There are a few seats left. For reservations, call 630-9444. A day cruise to the Welland Canal and Locks and a visit to a winery is planned for August and in September, the group is booked to see Carousel at Stratford. Sign up for these trips at the luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Also, balance of payments for the Catskill trip are to be made at this luncheon. The guest speaker will be **Dianne Philips**, social worker at Baycrest, whose topic will be Problems Facing Seniors...The Cultural Group will continue to meet during the summer on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. On June 11 **Mr. Mitzmacher** will speak on Chaim Nachum Bialik.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is on June 9, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, contact **Gitit Gilran** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is arranging a musical program featuring a video presentation of the Boston Conservatory Klezmer on Monday, June 17, at 1 p.m...A fabulous three-week trip to Israel is scheduled for Nov. 13-Dec. 4, and a super trip to the Homowack Hotel is set for July 10-18...Ongoing programs will continue throughout the summer. For information on trips and activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923...The Golden Book is a great way to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. A social gathering and bingo is arranged for June 12. For information, call **Avner Meiri** at 663-1443 or **Oved Azuri** at 631-9794 or **Gitit Gilran** at the Wagman Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Senior's Club is holding a dance with a live band on Sunday, June 9, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard). The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members. A movie is set for Wednesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. in the club house. This is free for members, $1 for non-members...Special events include a bus run to Kitchener Wednesday, June 19 ($16 per person); a Father's Day dinner and dance Sunday, June 23, for members only ($15 per person); Catskills trip to the Pines Hotel July 7-14 ($775 Canadian for eight days, $575 for six days)...Ongoing activities continue including bingo on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. For information on all trips and programs, call 636-7856.

Beth Sholom Seniors will not be meeting until further notice.

Club Chaverim meets at the JCC North/East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St., for bingo and cards on Monday afternoons from 12:30-4 p.m. For information, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

Young at Heart Seniors is holding a meeting on Monday, June 17, from 1-3 p.m. in the Tessler Hall, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St...A trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel is arranged for Aug. 4-13 with lots of goodies including a trip to Atlantic City, deluxe medical insurance, three kosher meals daily (under New York kashruth law) all for only $890 Canadian. For information, call **Manny** at 633-7463, 1-9 p.m. or **Helen** at 635-6343, 7-11 p.m. or 462-0258, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

About People

RAY D. WOLFE FELLOW

The Ray Wolfe Fellow in Jewish Studies next year will be Edward Fram. A Canadian who has been studying in the United States, he is pleased with this opportunity to return to Canada to pursue his research in the coming year.

Dr. Edward Fram

Fram received his BA at Yeshiva University and his PhD at Columbia University this year after he completed his thesis entitled Jewish Law and Social and Economic Realities in 16th and 17th Century Poland.

While at the University of Toronto, Fram will teach a new course on Polish Jewry from its origin to 1795. Fram will carry on his research interests in Polish Jewry with a view to preparing his thesis for publication.

At the end of the year, Fram will assume the position of assistant professor in the department of history at Yeshiva University.

McMASTER U ASSOCIATE DEAN

Dr. May Cohen, professor of family medicine, is the new associate dean, health services, in the faculty of health sciences at McMaster University.

Dr. May Cohen

Cohen, a faculty member since 1977, has been active in education, research and administration in a wide variety of areas in the university and faculty, and at Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals.

Prior to her appointment as professor of family medicine in 1977, Cohen has been a practising physician in Toronto for over 20 years.

BETH TIKVAH EXECUTIVE

Beth Tikvah Synagogue's 1991-92 executive is headed by president **Merle Goldman** with vice-presidents **Howard Kaufman, Herb Goldstein** and **Joel Snitman**, treasurer **Earl Biderman**, secretary **Robert Feldgaier**, immediate past president **Irwin Fefergrad** and members at large **Marlene Axmith, Eileen Chetner** and **Paul Ezrin**.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

***Games Jewish Singles Play**
Sunday, June 16th, 8:00pm. Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook (South of Lawrence, East off Dufferin). Beth Torah Singles invites you to a fun games evening! Group A, ages 26-40. Group B, ages 41-69. *Chutzpah, Trump, Trivial Pursuit, Bridge, Scrabble, Balderdash, Yuk-Yuk, Pictionary etc. Early Bird Bingo, 8-8:30. Prizes. Refreshments. Admission $5.00. Information, Mollie 733-3634, Myrna 223-6028. 5256

Metro Toronto Singles
presents a **Rare Saturday Night Party**. Singles Night at **Park Avenue**, 4950 Yonge Street (at The Madison Centre, north of Sheppard). Cover $10.00. For information, **222-7111**. 5289

Atideynu Lodge (Singles Co-ed 20's & 30's). **General Meeting.** June 11th. 7:30pm. 15 Hove Street. Topic; "AIDS and how it affects singles". Guest speaker; Susan Stern, AIDS Committee of Toronto. Cover; Non-members $4.00, members $2.00. Contact; Miriam Alberstat, 652-6024. 5267

Adath Israel Singles (30-50 Years) upcoming events: **An evening with Chaviva Hosek** - f "Life After Politics", Friday June 7, 8:00 pm sharp. For further information please speak with Rabbi Sheldon Korn. 635-5340. 4919

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Super **Boat Cruise**, Monday July 1st (Canada Day) aboard the Empire Sandy, Toronto's most spectacular "Tall Ship". Includes fireworks display over lake, all you can eat buffet and D.J. Meet 250 Jewish singles. Advance sales only. Call **222-7111** for information. 5214

Oneg Shabbat (pot-luck dinner). June 14th. 7:30pm. For singles 35-50. For reservations call Sonja at 881-5183. Upcoming events;
B-B-Q day in the country. Dancing in a romantic setting, picnic by waters edge. 5178

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Twentysomething (24-35), **Uptowners** Club. Let's take a hike! Join us for a brunch and hike on Sunday, June 9th. Meet at the North "Y", 4588 Bathurst Street, Room 206 at 11:00am. Cost $15.00. Reservations and payment must be made in advance. For more information call Luni at 924-6211. 5231

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Valley Tennis and Swim Club, 7015 Leslie St. Join us for a **Tennis Round Robin and Dance** on Sunday, June 16th. Tennis from 7:30-9:00pm. Dance at 8:30pm. D.J. Refreshments. Cash bar. Cost $8.00. For more information call Nurit, 889-0813. 5269

Newest Jewish cemetery north of Toronto

Entry gates, parquette dedicated at Pardes Shalom

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

A driving rain served as pathetic fallacy when entry gates and an entry parquette were dedicated for Toronto's newest Jewish cemetery, Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park, Pardes Shalom.

The cemetery is located in the city of Vaughan, north of Major Mackenzie on Dufferin Street.

Sidney Freedman, outgoing president and honorary life president, spoke of the "long and arduous undertaking" involved in establishing and endowing the cemetery, which now serves 39 synagogues, landsmanschaften and brotherhoods, as well as the non-affiliated on 89 acres.

Each section will be consecrated separately, and will, he said, "have the ability and right to their own religious customs and practices within the general operating rules as laid down and accepted by the province of Ontario."

Freedman said that the most important achievement has been to unite the Jewish community in creating the cemetery.

Serves entire community

This was echoed by Stephen Speisman, Toronto Jewish Congress secretary of the board of Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park, who told The CJN "One thing that has been characteristic of the cemetery since its inception has been respect for and sensitivity to the needs of the whole spectrum of the Jewish community.

"This has been a conscious approach by the leadership as exemplified particularly by Sidney Freedman and the executive administrator Ben Schneider, and continues under the new administration."

Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, Jewish community chaplain, who conducted the religious dedication of the gates and entry parquette, said that just as the Bible says that loving-kindness, peace and truth are bridges between life and death that ultimately overcome death, so the gates mirror the passage from Psalms *pischu li shaarei tzedec*, open up the gates of righteousness.

The green metal gates front on a flagstone path flanked by a low wall made of stone. An indentation just inside the gates offers facilities for washing.

Lorna Jackson, mayor of Vaughan, recalled that she was on Vaughan council when the cemetery was first proposed some 15 years ago.

"There has been quite a change. Then, Vaughan was 17,000 people, mostly rural, with just a few Jews.

"Now, there are 106,000 residents in Vaughan, with a large Jewish community, about 30 per cent."

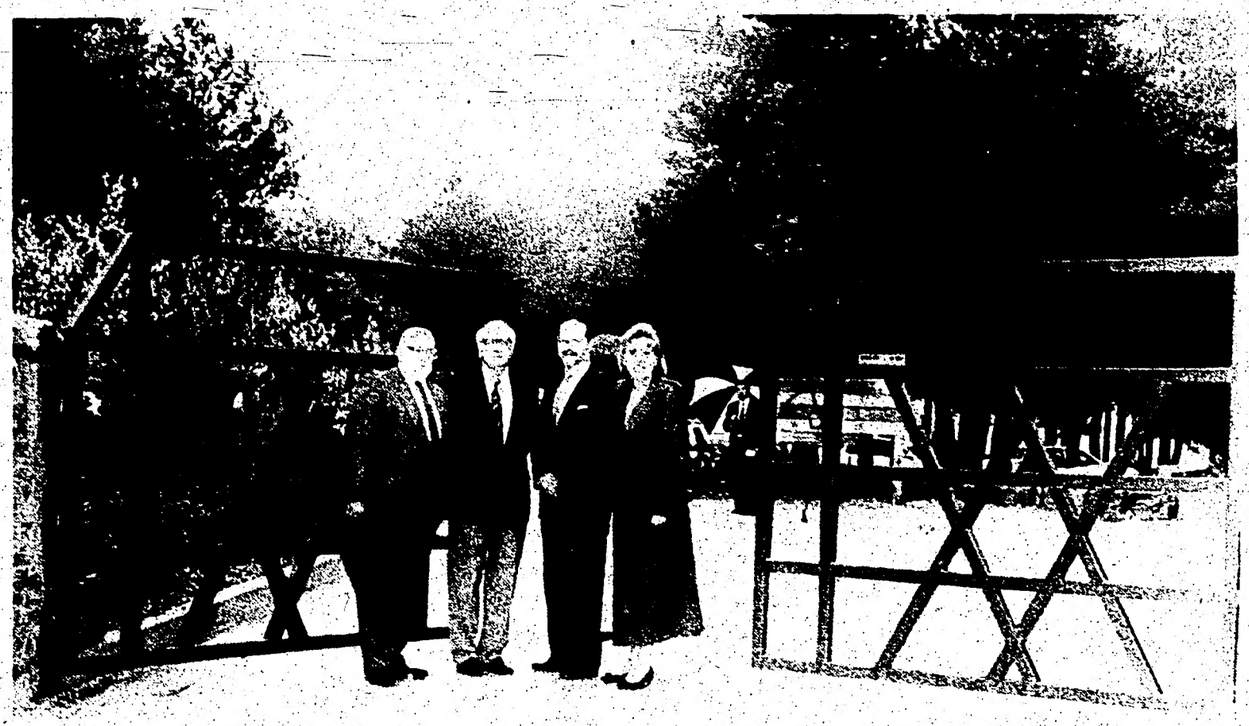
Remembering when the site was an old gravel pit and tree farm, she told The CJN "We are proud to have this beautiful cemetery in Vaughan — it is so peaceful and quiet."

After the ceremony, in spite of the rain, many of the nearly 100 people in attendance wandered or drove through the cemetery, thinking no doubt of Freedman's moving description:

"It is here that the recently departed seem to linger awhile. It is here that we can still come to grieve, to take inspiration, to assert ourselves, to ask to be forgiven, to right old wrongs, and to talk to stones that mark a very special place.

"It is here that we touch our past, and it may be here that we should value our present and contemplate our future."

Master of ceremonies for the program was Bill Draimin, president of the organization.



At the new gates and entrance parquette to Pardes Shalom cemetery are (from left) Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, Jewish community chaplain; Sidney Freedman, founding president of Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park; Bill Draimin, current president; and Lorna Jackson, mayor of the city of Vaughan. [Alron photo]

Winnipeg rabbi honored with interfaith award

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Rabbi Neal Rose is the first rabbi being honored by the Interfaith Pastoral Institute.

He will be presented with the institute's Interfaith Service Award on June 10 at its annual dinner.

The institute, based at the University of Winnipeg, is a training centre both for marriage and family therapists and clergy working in pastoral counselling, Rabbi Rose explained.

He has been a member of the institute's board of directors for three years. Last year, he was chairman of the board. He has been a student and teacher at the institute. He has also been a leading spokesperson for inter-religious dialogue.

Rabbi Rose came to Winnipeg in 1967 as a professor of Judaic Studies in the department of the same name at the University of Manitoba. When the department was disbanded, two years ago, he was moved to the department of religion. He specializes in family issues, grief and loss and the interrelationship between religion and healing. He has chaired Winnipeg's Council of Rabbis in the past and served as rabbi of the Beth Israel Synagogue.

He and his wife Carol also in private practice as family counsellors.

The Roses have five children of whom the oldest, Carni, is currently studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary. A second son is planning on entering Yeshiva University in the fall.

The family of the late
Jack (Jakob) Rubin ז"ל
wish to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to all for the support and generosity shown us during our time of loss.
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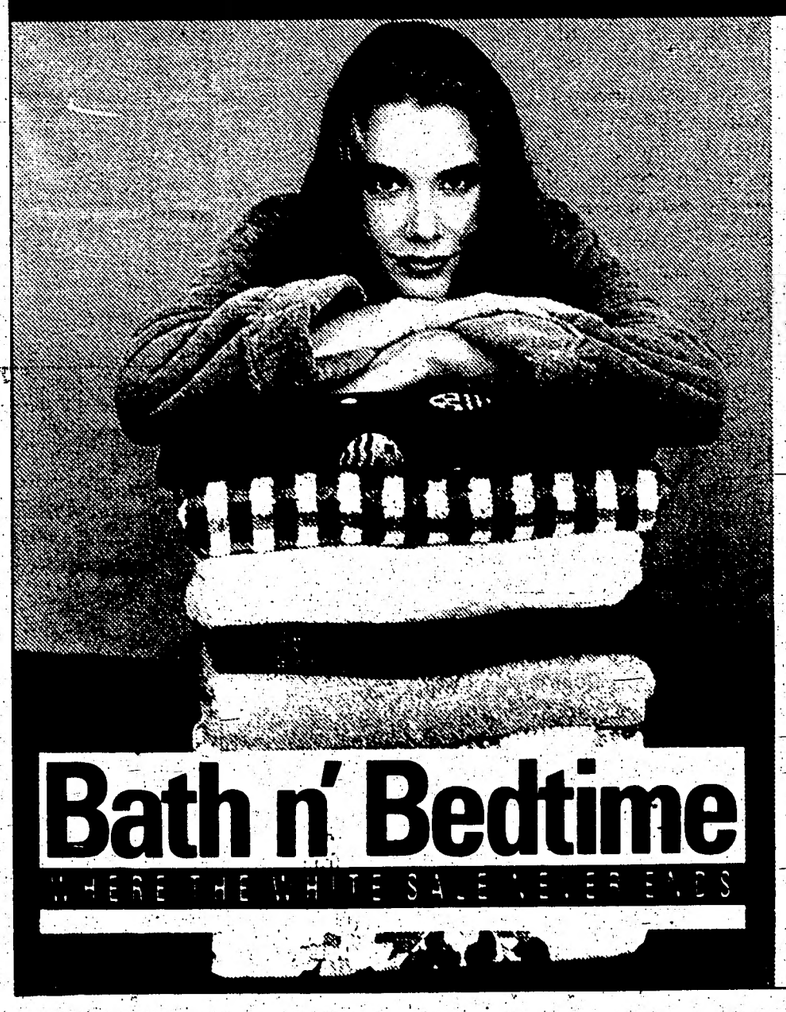

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Organizations and People

Canadian Jews urged to aid Syrian brothers

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jews in Canada must use every possible mechanism to help their brethren in Syria, says the past president of Amnesty International's Canadian section.

Michael Schelew implored the Jewish community at a meeting at Adath Israel Congregation last week to "speak up" for Syria's oppressed 4,300 Jews.

"Like all countries, Syria responds to international criticism. We in Canada can do a lot," said Schelew, who's now active in B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs.

Groups fighting for human rights have in the past used various committees of the United Nations for redress.

Schelew explained that the UN has committees which monitor human rights violations and religious intolerance, and which have the power to summon representatives of certain countries to explain abuses.

"I'm always surprised to learn that Jewish communities don't use these mechanisms. Others do. We should too."

Syria comprises Amnesty International's largest caseload, Schelew said.

It is one of 38 nations which uses state-sanctioned torture and its targets are all opposition parties, students, Muslim fundamentalists, Palestinians and Jews. Schelew said Syria "is one of the most repressive states" against Palestinians.

When members of the Syrian bar and medical associations criticized President Hafez Assad's legal and health-care systems, the executives of both groups were jailed and tortured, he said.

There are "thousands" of political prisoners, Schelew added.

On May 21, the Jewish brothers Eli and Selim Swed were sentenced in Damascus to 6½ years in jail, after spending 3½ years behind bars without being charged [CJN, May 30].

On May 28, Judy Feld Carr, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews, sent a letter to External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall, asking her to look into the Sweds' case.

When the brothers were first taken into custody, a UN committee filed a complaint and a short time later, Syria acknowledged their detention and family visits were allowed, Schelew said.

It's a small step, he conceded, but pressure on Syria is needed.

Jews here must use the UN, write their members of Parliament and even write Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, who has been known to privately take up individual cases, Schelew said.

Lobbying "is hard work. It's frustrating and it takes time," he said. "But through our synagogues and community organizations, we must mobilize."

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On May 21, Tory MP Bill Attewell rose in the House of Commons to voice the government's concern over Syrian Jewry.

Attewell called on Syria to comply with UN human rights declarations and allow Jews to emigrate.

Proceeds for cultural centre

Boys Town to fete Anne Mirvish

TORONTO —

Anne Mirvish, artist and community activist, will be the honoree at a dinner of tribute held by Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem on October 8 in the new ballroom of the Sheraton Centre.

All proceeds will be devoted to establishing a cultural centre in the youth community in Israel's capital.

"On my trips to Israel, I always visit Boys Town Jerusalem," Mirvish said, "and I feel close to its children and youth. The school prepares the students to become engineers, craftsmen, generals, pilots, lawyers; and this achievement would be impressive indeed if they were the sons of businessmen, professionals, lecturers. But they are children from poor families, mostly from countries where Jews are oppressed and flee to Israel. This is an educational breakthrough, and I visualize a cultural centre as an additional learning tool, and a way to interact with the neighborhoods of Jerusalem."

"The Royal Alexandra Theatre was also Anne's idea," says "Honest Ed" Mirvish. Later came the Old Vic Theatre in London, England. "I'm the storekeeper," adds Ed. "Anne is the inspiration."

Mirvish's sculptures are shown worldwide, and her work is in the collections of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington and the National Archives of Canada. Her impressionistic medallion of Dora Mavor Moore was exhibited in Europe and the United States before presentation at the Stratford Festival, where it is awarded annually to a young performer.

Mirvish is a patron of the Canadian Opera Company, as well as a life member of the Art Gallery of Ontario and the Royal Ontario Museum. She belongs to the Baycrest Women's Auxiliary, and she and Ed are members of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and Holy Blossom Temple. She has been president of a Hadassah chapter, co-chaired National Council of Jewish women's program for the mentally ill, served as a volunteer in Mount Sinai's occupational therapy department and was appointed to the Metropolitan Hospital Council.

Anne Mirvish

"We regard Anne Mirvish an ideal woman to identify with Boys Town Jerusalem," said Toronto chapter president Albert Mandel. "She has a deep-felt belief in the innate ability of all children from whatever strata, and her formula is love and inspiration."

EC, Israel ties seen important

JERUSALEM —

Impediments to scientific co-operation between Israel and members of the European Community are "hard for us to understand" and should be removed, the president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem recently told a delegation from the European Parliament.

Prof. Yoram Ben-Porath, referring to the Parliament's sanctions on such co-operation, said "leaving the channels open (between Israel and Europe) is important, not just in scientific fields but in the broader social sense."

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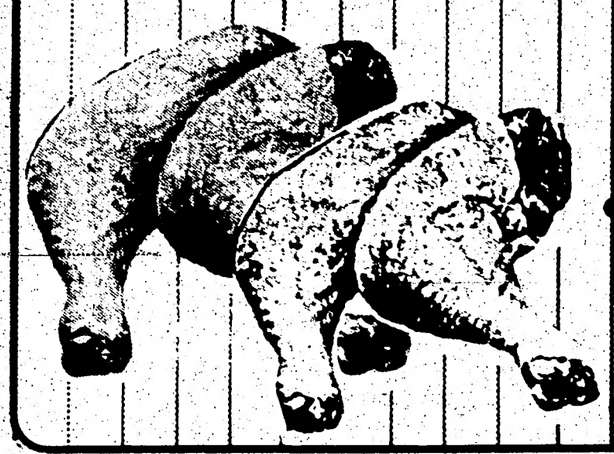

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Organizations and People

Will explore ways to fight disease

Leukemia scholarships begun

TORONTO —

The Leukemia Research Fund has launched a scholarship program to encourage future investigation into ways to fighting this often fatal disease.

The 22 scholarships have been designated for every Canadian university medical facility. As well, the fund has allocated almost $600,000 this year in grants and fellowships to 27 scientific and clinical researchers from across Canada.

Since 1955 the Leukemia Research Fund has been raising funds towards a cure for this disease. All money raised remains in Canada where it is distributed to doctors involved in Canadian leukemia research. Over 90 per cent of every dollar raised goes directly into research.

As part of its ongoing efforts to raise public awareness and increase research funds the Leukemia Research Fund will hold tag days, walkathons and other events during June to mark Leukemia Awareness Month.

Leukemia is a blood disease which claims the lives of more children than any other malignancy and strikes people of every age and race.

It is has been defined as a cancer of the blood cells or of the blood-forming tissues of the body. It attacks the tissues in which the important red and white cells are manufactured. Red cells supply oxygen to the body and white cells protect the body against germs.

Leukemia Research Fund poster child Jason with Blue Jays pitcher Todd Stottlemyre and Caren Sherman, LRF immediate past president.

Symptoms include fatigue, pallor and shortness of breath.

The symptoms are caused by a reduction in the number of platelets or blood cells that help the blood clot. Infections may develop because of the lack of healthy white blood cells. As the leukemic cells grow in the bone marrow, bone pain may be felt. Weight loss is also a common complaint.

Chemotherapy is the most commonly used form of treatment for leukemia. This is the use of anti-cancer drugs which destroy the cancer cells. These drugs may be given orally, or, more commonly, by intravenous injection. Chemotherapy is given as a course of treatment, usually lasting several days, followed by a rest period.

Radiotherapy (radiation therapy) may also be used in the treatment of leukemia. Bone marrow transplants, a recent form of treatment, is also producing promising results for some people suffering from certain forms of leukemia.

The new executive for the Leukemia Research Fund is Myrna Lefko, president; Joy Gurden, Fayga Orzech and Sheldon Rotman, vice-presidents. Caren Sherman is immediate past president.

For further information write to Leukemia Research Fund, 3768 Bathurst St., Suite 311, Downsview, M3H 3M7 or phone 638-8522.

Reena Foundation to honor Premier Rae

TORONTO —

Premier Bob Rae will assist the Reena Foundation by being the honoree at its gala dinner on June 19 at the Regal Constellation Hotel.

Rae has long been a strong advocate for the rights of men and women with developmental disabilities and has expressed his admiration for the work which the Reena Foundation is doing in the community.

All the funds raised through the dinner will be directed to purchase another Reena House. The Reena homes are critical for many reasons, but perhaps one of the most important, is to lend a hand to some of the families on the ever-growing waiting list.

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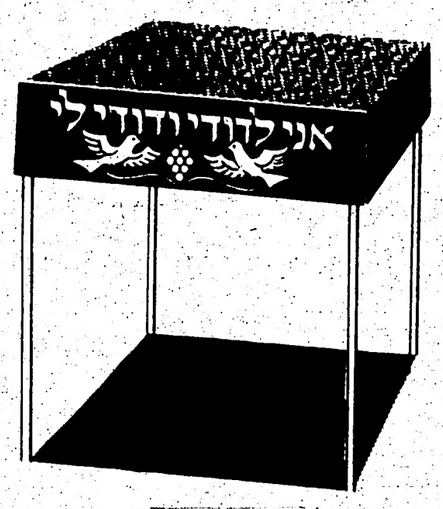

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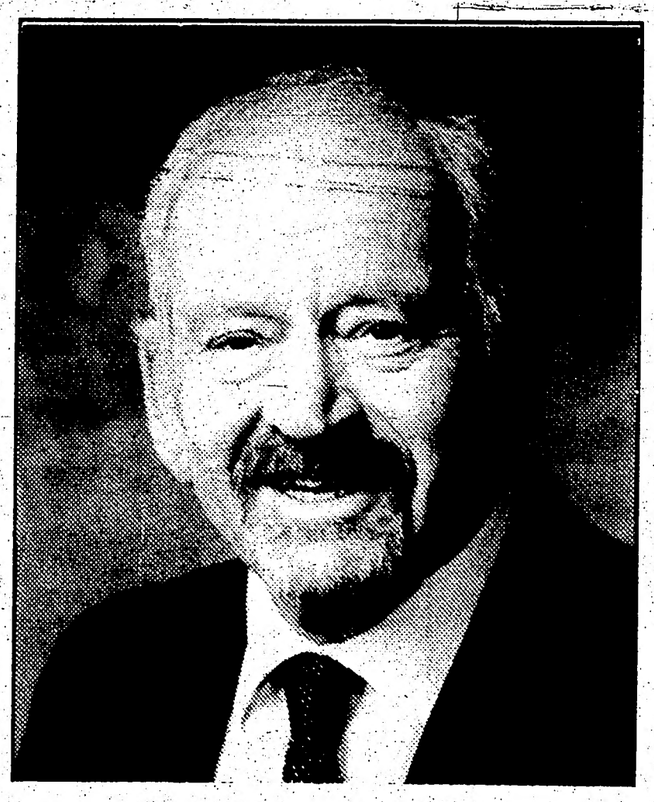

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Celebration held at Baycrest

Gelman marks 100th birthday

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
When seven-year-old Alexis Wronzberg told her friends that her great-grandmother was turning 100, they didn't believe her.

But Alexis was telling the truth. Sarah Gelman, Alexis' "bubbie-bubbie," who now resides in Baycrest, was born May 16, 1891, in Radom, Poland.

In honor of Gelman's birthday, over 100 relatives and friends gathered at Baycrest recently for an afternoon of celebration, music and reminiscing.

Gelman never had a bad word to [illegible] family can recall her ever raising her voice or arguing. The Sarah Gelman that her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren know and love is the one who "sang and sat and held and rocked and raised all these kids," according to grandson-in-law Danny Kayfetz.

Guests at the party watched a 45-minute video compiled of old home movies and stills, showing picture after picture of Gelman with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kayfetz noted the attention and emotion that surrounded Gelman on her special day. "Everyone was interested in being there for her."

Aside from the video, another highlight of the afternoon was the hora that her family danced around her — great-grandchildren surrounding her, grandchildren around them, and everyone else in the outermost circle.

The family and its different generations were also represented in Gelman's birthday cake, made by two of her granddaughters. Each tier of the cake represented a generation of the family.

Gelman came to Toronto alone shortly after her marriage and worked in a factory with the intention of bringing over her husband, Harry, a tailor. She returned to Poland, planning to come back to Canada with her husband, but the First World War intervened.

By the time the Gelmans did immigrate in the 1920s, they were the parents of three children: Murray, Louis and Nora. A fourth child, Helen (Wronzberg), was born after they immigrated.

Life wasn't easy for Gelman. Widowed in 1941, she went to work on Spadina as a clothing finisher to support her children. Two years after Harry's death, tragedy struck again, when daughter Nora was killed in a car accident.

Gelman was in the work force for about 23 years, until she retired some 30 years ago at age 70. "She's always been a hard worker," said daughter Helen Wronzberg.

Gelman lived with Wronzberg and her growing family until she was 80. Wronzberg recalls that her mother made the decision to move out because a household with four children was too noisy for her. She remembers her mother breaking the news by sitting her down and telling her, "I don't want you to be mad at me."

Sarah Gelman

From Wronzberg's house, Gelman moved to an apartment at Bathurst and Steeles. When Baycrest Terrace opened, she became the first resident and lived there until she was 94, when she moved into the Baycrest Home.

Until that time, Gelman was very self-sufficient, cooking all her own meals and baking the lemon moon (poppy seed) cookies, apple strudel and "10-mile-high" sponge cakes that her grandchildren still talk about.

Lisa Belzberg to address Bonds Women's Division

TORONTO —
This year's annual Bond sponsor luncheon will feature Lisa Belzberg, an outstanding young leader in the Israel Bond organization, as its guest speaker.

Israel Bonds Women's Division will host the luncheon on June 18 at the home of Helen Friedman, in Toronto.

In addition to a short awards ceremony, at which time Bond purchasers will be recognized, there will be a number of door prizes including a round trip ticket to Israel. Admission is with the purchase of an Israel Bond.

Women's Division took special care in selecting Belzberg as their speaker. Belzberg has done many years of service on behalf of the Jewish community.

She has a magnificent record of achievement and has served on the boards of Dorot and the American Jewish World Service. She is active on the board of the Simon Weisenthal Centre as well as the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, and is a member of the strategic planning committee of the UJA Federation.

Fellow Canadian

Belzberg serves as chairman of the political awareness committee of the Council of Jewish Federations, Women's Division.

It is an extra special pleasure for Bonds Women's Division to welcome a fellow Canadian who grew up in Vancouver. After high school, and study at the Kerem Yeshiva in California, Belzberg earned her Bachelor's degree at Barnard College.

She holds a Master's degree in public policy from the London School of Economics. Her professional career has included 2½ years of work with political consultant David Garth and the position of associate director of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations.

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Organizations and People

Solel marks 18 years with series of festivities

By
RON CSILLAG

MISSISSAUGA —
Yes, there is Jewish life west of Highway 427.

Or as Rabbi Lawrence Englander of Solel Congregation of Mississauga likes to recall, the question most asked when the shul began 18 years ago was, "You mean there are Jews in Mississauga?"

There are enough, it seems, to have kept Solel Congregation going into its chai year healthy and growing still.

Founded in 1973 by a dozen or so Jews who chose to live way out west (but east of Winnipeg), Solel Congregation is marking its chai birthday with a series of special festivities.

The Chai Dinner Dance will be held Saturday night, June 15. It will feature "midnight dessert madness" and the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band. Tickets are $36 per person.

Also that weekend, the Friday night service will feature Leslie Robbins, Murray Ellis and their life-size puppet show.

On Sunday, June 16, organizers have planned a picnic at Huron Park, with games and prizes.

Solel, a Reform shul, had grandiose beginnings, Rabbi Englander recalls.

It was born in an old English manor, donated to the nascent congregation by the developer Cadillac-Fairview. That's where the membership gathered and expanded for the first five years.

The manor is now the posh Glenerin Inn at The College Way and Mississauga Road.

In 1978, the shul's current site was dedicated, at 2399 Folkway Drive.

Rabbi Englander is among the few Metro spiritual leaders who can rightfully claim to be "an original."

He was a student at Hebrew Union College when he began leading services at the manor every other weekend. At the time, he was also a rabbinic intern at Temple Sinai in Downsview.

After obtaining smicha in 1975, Rabbi Englander was hired fulltime and he's never looked back. He doubles as the congregation's cantor.

Today, Solel boasts 250 member families and a full array of programs.

Its supplementary school, from junior kindergarten to grade 10, enrols 230 children, who are taught mainly by congregants. There is also a fulltime director of education.

There's a youth group for high school students called MITY, which stands for Mississauga Intrepid Temple Youth. The group is closely affiliated with NELFTY, the Reform movement's youth wing.

Chaverim is a group for kids in grades 7 and 8, while those in grades 4 to 6 belong to Tzofim.

Solel Vatikim is the temple's senior citizen's group.

According to Solel Congregation president Gavin Herman, one of the shul's objectives is to reach out to what may be hundreds of unaffiliated Jews in Mississauga and environs.

Another is to build a permanent sanctuary and perhaps hire a fulltime administrator.

Herman says Solel Congregation is the perfect example of a synagogue born in a bedroom community and one which has become successful, away from the city's bustle.

For details on the Chai Dinner Dance and the other festivities, call the shul at (416) 820-5915.

Canadian Young Judaea Atlantic Region Leadership Shabbaton in Halifax, May 10-12. From left are Ann Raskin, Morris Glazman, Matthew Cohen, Adina Cieplinski and Derek Ross. On the floor is Jody Sadofsky.

Young Judaea meets in Halifax

HALIFAX —
Canadian Young Judaea held a Leadership Shabbaton in Halifax on May 10-12. Organized with the Atlantic Jewish Council, the weekend gave Jewish youth in the Maritimes an opportunity to get together and deal with a number of important issues facing them.

The weekend was also used to plan out the 1991/92 program calendar for the Atlantic Region. The young group of leaders present at the weekend will serve as the program staff for the Giborim, Goshrim and Kochot groups of Young Judea in the region. Co-ordinating the programs will be Jonathan Mendleson from Halifax.

Rebecca Glass, the national program director of Young Judaea presented a program on the future of the Middle East and Israel's hope for peace. As well, Glass supervised the election for Young Judaea's Atlantic Region executives. The five-person executive consists of president Rubin Cohen; vice-president Jonathan Cohen; secretary Morris Glassman; treasurer Adina Cieplinski and AJC youth co-ordinator, Jonathan Mendelson.

For a number of years the Jewish youth of the Maritimes have not had a opportunity to enjoy Zionist and Jewish programs. With the success of the Young Judaea Shabbaton the future for programs in the region is very encouraging.

Hotel sponsors fund raiser

TORONTO —
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Family has received many awards

Lynden Jewish dairy farmer named tops in his class

By MOURA WOLPERT

LYNDEN, Ont. — Those award winning Jewish farmers have done it again.

This time, it's David, youngest of the dairy farming Loewith clan, who was recently named Outstanding Young Farmer of the Great Lakes Region.

Loewith won out over nine competitors in a region stretching from Windsor and Sarnia in the west to Brampton in the east and which encompasses some of Ontario's richest farming land.

The award is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce "to foster better understanding between urban and rural people," explained Loewith in a telephone conversation from his Lynden home.

To compete, farmers must fill out "a killer form," answering questions "not only about what you do, but also about erosion control, water conservation, wildlife preservation" and a host of other agriculture and environment-related issues.

What also "weighs heavily" is involvement in community, farming and other organizations as well as "whether you're doing a good job in business."

The contest is Canada-wide and the winners of each of the eight regions go on to compete for the national Motherwell Award, ("named after a prominent person in Canadian agriculture"), which will be presented in November at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

"Interestingly enough," noted Loewith, "five of the winners in the eight or nine years the program has been running, have been from Wentworth County."

There's ample proof that neither David nor his elder brother Carl, have rested on their laurels since the two were named Farmers of the Year in 1979.

A year later David received the Distinguished Achievement Award for Holstein Canada; in 1986 he was named an official judge by Holstein Canada and in 1988 the Loewiths were one of 100 families and individuals awarded the Centennial Award by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food "for outstanding service to agriculture and the food industry" in honor of the ministry's 100th anniversary.

Their model dairy farm has been host to official delegations from all over the world, including Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and even China and Thailand.

And their great-uncle, the late Karl Abeles, who came to Canada in 1938 at the head of a group of 38 relatives and friends from Czechoslovakia, and who had already been a farmer in his native country, is the only Jew to have been named to the Ontario Farmers Hall of Fame.

The Loewith farm operation began in 1947 with the purchase by Joe Loewith and his wife, the former Minna Abeles, of a neglected 94-acre farm and 20 Holstein cattle.

Their three sons, Harry, Carl and David, all have degrees in agriculture, but only Carl and David remained on the family farm, while Harry now runs cattle auctions in Woodstock.

Their father, aged 80 "still helps and does his stuff," said David.

"Being Jewish has never been an issue" for the Loewiths, who are proud to have been accepted by their neighbors and fellow farmers for what they are, outstanding members of the Wentworth County farming and general community.

They have chaired virtually all organizations and fairs.

David has travelled to Israel several times though "not on a professional basis," and it was in Israel in 1970 that he met his wife, Bonnie Weinberg of Toronto, when both were there as members of a student program.

Today they have three children, Naomi, 11, Rachel, 9, and Leonard, 2. Bonnie, a former occupational therapist, is now a family physician with a practice in Ancaster.

The Loewiths have been lifelong members of Temple Anshe Sholom, of which Carl is currently president. David and Bonnie have also for many years attended a study class with Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue and their children are pupils of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

As well, David is a vice-president of the Jewish Community Centre, where he has been "putting in a fair bit of time."

David Loewith (centre) with Bonnie (third from left), parents Minna and Joe (on the left), Carl (second from right) and his wife Verna. And all their kids except David's son.

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Organizations and People

Rabin plans to remain active as term at Vaad comes to end

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Ask Eli Rabin how he'd like to be remembered after the end of his two-year stint as Vaad Ha'ir president (June 12) and the answer is revealing.

"Probably as the guy that brought kosher catering into the Chateau Laurier," he said. "It required a certain experience in kashruth and a tremendous sensitivity to all the players in that whole scene."

It's vintage Rabin. He's smart, persuasive and knows how to cull influence among those who can make a difference. He's a seasoned negotiator who excels in bringing others to the fore, listening, and keeping them on track.

"Most leaders are brokers," said Rabin. "I try very hard to put other people up front. I guess I have a strange sort of judgement and harmony. I would prefer to step down and have a strong organization come after me."

It's an approach that's won him high marks and a low profile. "He's enough of a good politician to realize you don't have to shout and scream to get what he wants," said Gerald Berger, past president of the Vaad (1985-87), and currently chairman of the Procurement Review Board of Canada. "He doesn't blow his own horn."

Nor does he need to. An Ottawa native, the 54-year old unassuming past president is also a widely regarded kidney specialist, and acting head of nephrology at the Civic Hospital. In addition to medical training at Queen's University and specialization at McGill in 1961 in internal medicine, Rabin also pursued a Ph.D. in biochemistry at McGill and taught there too. He returned to Ottawa in 1974.

Born in Lowertown, Rabin grew up in Sandy Hill "in the era of [Montreal's] Strathcona Academy" coming from a self-described "well adjusted sensible background" and a childhood steeped in Jewish tradition and culture. "Yiddishkeit was part and parcel of my life," he said.

Rabin harkens back to the pivotal role and memory of his Lithuanian-born father who was a distinguished community leader, talmudic scholar and chazzan of the Hebrew high school. "One of the great legacies of my father was the acquisition of the King Edward synagogue as a chapel for the Chevra Kadisha," he said. Depicted in black and white in an oval frame on a coffee table, it's plain that Rabin's father Joseph, is an influence and presence to be reckoned with. His steady gaze sweeps the livingroom of his son's Rockcliffe home with clear expectations. And Eli is never home alone.

"Eli has always been regarded as the prince - the cantor's son," said Berger.

"I never found Jewish communal life to be onerous," he said. The exposure to the well-worn path of demands and rewards of Jewish communal life began at home. Rabin remembers his father always being at a meeting. "It wasn't a foreign activity," he said. "I grew up involved. This is what you did if you were Jewish."

Rabin was basically recruited by the late community great Hy Hochberg who had influenced legions of other leaders.

When Camp Mossad ran into financial difficulty, he along with two others decided to "resurrect the camp" in 1972. In the next two years, the number of campers more than doubled and Camp Mossad became a viable entity.

Afterwards, Rabin became chairman of a panel on Jewish education when inflation was rampant and interest rates were more than 20 per cent. "Some very tough decisions had to be made," he said.

Rabin's first real taste of community lobbying and jockeying for position came when he was involved in a task force looking at Jewish education and Hillel lodge. "This was not a very genteel debating society by any stretch of the imagination," he said. Still, it remains a source of pride and it's nice to be on the winning side, he confided to The CJN.

Like other community leaders, Rabin, a father of two daughters, is concerned about young people's participation in the community. They don't really have the time to devote to it, he said. It needs to be a priority.

Rabin is gunning for a much more sophisticated form of commitment. Ottawa is in many ways "very much a North American shtetl," he said.

Arm-twisting at communal meetings and dinner gatherings are out and subtlety in cocktail bars and bathrooms is in. Sitting under the shadow of the federal government isn't lost on Rabin either. Information and influence is just a phone call away. Consensual and informal relationships must be developed and maintained within and outside the community to ensure its vibrancy and survival.

Rabin also set his sights on improving links with non-Jewish communities. "We depend on them," he said. The corollary of course, is the development of interdependence, trust and mutual gain. "It's certainly better than the old methods" of going solo, he said.

Community life isn't Rabin's only passion. He's a voracious reader of history and lover of violin concertos. Harmony and music give me the most pleasure, he said. "I love to sit and tinker at the piano and study harmony."

A physical outlet was tennis but that fell by the wayside when he contracted tuberculosis at university. It was there he "learned how to read." In what would be an insurmountable task for most, the ambitious Rabin "took the chumash and translated it" and it became his favorite book. Also galvanized by a love for Hebrew and English etymology, Rabin relaxes most when he is in shul with the chumash taking it all in.

It's 8:10 p.m. at a Board of Trustees meeting and a stylish Eli Rabin peers out above his distinctively-red half-moon glasses. (He credits his wife Elaine who is Jewish Family Services' executive director for his wild ties, but "the glasses are mine.")

Rabin deftly keeps the meeting on track until the matter of kashruth and increasing the number of kosher caterers in Ottawa arrives. (Currently there are two.)

"We're slowly making our way into the 20th century," he said. "It's a very, very difficult subject. Fireworks will fly all over the place on that one." And they do.

With no plans to retire from medicine or community involvement, Rabin will continue to be an effective resource. "There are many past presidents of the community who are not as involved as they should be," he said.

Surely he won't be one of them.

Space experiment to look at UV radiation

TEL AVIV —

When Israel's first exploration satellite is launched in 1994, its payload will include a space experiment of international importance.

The experiment, conceived by four astronomers at Tel Aviv University, was selected from a total of 12 projects submitted by Israel's scientific community.

Conceived by Prof. Elia Lebowitz, Dr. Noah Brosch, Dr. Sara Beck and Prof. Hagai Netzer, it involves design of an ultraviolet telescope system to image and measure ultraviolet radiation emitted by celestial objects.

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Community groups urged to keep up with society

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Jewish professionals working in community organizations must develop a "bureaucratization of charisma" that makes their organizations more attractive to the public while responding to social change, a meeting of community workers was told last week.

Brandeis University Prof. Bernard Reisman said North American Jews are experiencing watershed changes in a post-modern age, and community organizations must keep up.

Reisman was addressing a meeting sponsored by the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service and Toronto Jewish Congress' department for human resource development.

He said the post-modern situation is marked by several examples of social change and dislocations created by it.

There has been a breakdown of community, a feeling of a loss of autonomy and control over one's life, increased questioning of authority as well as a loss of belief in the transcendant, he said.

In the past, Jewish life has been spurred by charismatic leaders, which he traced back to Abraham and Moses and in recent times to Theodore Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism.

Reisman said Jewish communities today require a "bureaucratization of charisma" which would capture their imaginations and motivate them.

Examining the question of loneliness caused by community breakdown, Reisman said Jewish leadership must create a sense that community organizations can serve as a sort of extended family.

A feeling of powerlessness and the passivity that results from it can be tackled by ensuring organizations are more creative while allowing for input and active participation from lay people and the public.

Community professionals should exercise authority in a sensitive manner, he said, but not in a way that creates barriers between those wielding power and members of the community. But no organization can survive without a clear allocation of responsibility and authority, he added.

Turning to the question of a loss of "a sense of the transcendant," Reisman acknowledged that professional staff often feel "least adept" when dealing with such questions.

But people today are interested in spirituality and Judaism offers a long history of the quest for the sacred that today's leaders should not ignore, he said.

"Statesmanship" based on applying past wisdom to present issues and developing a wider perspective on issues is needed, Reisman said.

He concluded by suggesting today's professional communal workers can help shape and transform the Jewish heritage to adapt to contemporary issues.

Tay Sachs cases increase as Australia opens doors

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY —
The incidence of Tay Sachs disease, a deadly illness which occurs most commonly in Ashkenazi Jews — is believed to have risen in Australia because of the influx of South Africans and Russians, particularly those of Lithuanian and Latvian background.

Tests for Tay Sachs may soon be conducted routinely on all senior high school students in Sydney.

The incidence of the disease has traditionally been low in Australia, until the large-scale arrival of South Africans and Russians in the last eight years.

Behind the drive to make Tay Sachs testing freely available is the genetics department of the Prince of Wales Children's Hospital in conjunction with Westmead Hospital, both in Sydney.

"Associate Prof. Gillian Turner of the Prince of Wales genetics department conceived the idea of running a screening project for four genetic diseases," Dr. Vivienne Tedeschi said.

"The intention is to screen 10,000 high school students to ascertain whether they are carriers of the four diseases in a pilot project and then to make the tests available to the public."

Tay Sachs is a recessive genetic condition which causes early spasticity, blindness and death, usually by the age of four.

Occurring in Ashkenazi Jews worldwide at the rate of about one in 30 and in the general public and Sephardi Jews at the rate of one in 150-300, it means that if two carriers marry, the risk of their baby being born with Tay Sachs is one in four.

The longest a Tay Sachs child is known to have lived is to the age of six.

"No study has been done in Australia on the incidence of Tay Sachs and there has never been mass screening," Tedeschi said.

"On the other hand, Tay Sachs testing is commonplace in Israel, South Africa, the United States, England and parts of Europe — countries where there are large Jewish communities.

"We live in a state of blissful ignorance. Our public health program is far behind and testing is available in Adelaide only and at the client's expense."

In Canada, testing for Tay Sachs has been almost routine since the early 1970s.

The Sydney project will see testing done at Westmead Hospital by Dr. Leslie Burnett — a pathologist who is an Ashkenazi Jew.

"Dr. Burnett has used the information available from the countries which test for Tay Sachs and the members of the department have all done extensive training," Tedeschi said.

"Ideally, all Ashkenazi Jews of child-bearing age should know whether they are carriers so that their partners can be tested and prenatal tests done early so that a decision can be made whether to go ahead with the pregnancy.

"If Tay Sachs testing cannot be made available to high school students because of lack of funds, we will get doctors, gynecologists and obstetricians to refer their Ashkenazi patients for testing.

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Organizations and People

Obstetrician maintains role in bringing babies into world

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

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Well, Dr. Bernard Ludwig, back in the 1950s, found a way. He took a taxi to Mars restaurant at College and Bathurst Streets, invited the driver in for a cup of coffee, and waited for the restaurant's pay phone to ring. Then he knew if he should head for the Western, Toronto General or Wellesley hospital, all close by. (He was on the staff of six hospitals at that time.)

Dr. Bernard Ludwig

In those early morning hours, Dr. Ludwig and the driver would be joined by the late Dr. Sol Eisen, his favorite anesthetist. "We never let on that we were doctors because we were afraid that everyone would come over with their own stories about sickness."

In his 40 years of practice, Dr. Ludwig, 69, the most senior Jewish specialist in the field in Toronto, has delivered between 15,000 and 20,000 babies. He has not kept track of the exact figure.

Though he still has a full-time gynecology practice including surgery at Mount Sinai and Toronto General hospitals, he no longer delivers babies at Mount Sinai because of a mandatory retirement age.

This led to a most unusual tribute to him in the form of an advertisement in The CJN from his "Orthodox Jewish patients." The wording of the ad left the impression with a casual reader that Dr. Ludwig had taken down his shingle and phones were busy the next few days as patients sought reassurance.

Retirement is a long way from his mind. (He hasn't taken a holiday in 10 years.) For one thing, many Orthodox women are still consulting him in the early stages of their pregnancies even though he will not be delivering the babies. He also has a busy infertility practice.

Recently, at a parlor meeting in the home of Shimon Stern, attended by 150 people, Dr. Ludwig was presented with a bronze plaque.

One reason for the loyalty of his Orthodox Jewish patients, he believes, is that he knows how important it is to them to consult their rabbi for halachic interpretation of various medical procedures. "I've been in the operating room, gowned and masked, and the patient is on the phone in the maternity suite with a rabbi in Toronto, or Israel, or Borough Park, asking for an opinion on what I'm going to do."

Obstetrics has changed a lot since Dr. Ludwig waited for the phone to ring at Mars restaurant. "Today there are units at the Toronto General and Scarboro General where women are being sent home a few hours after they give birth," he said.

Women no longer are as close to their obstetrician because in a group practice it may be that the doctor who delivers the baby is not the same one who cared for her in pregnancy, he said.

Dr. Ludwig has delivered 13 babies to the same woman in Toronto and 11 "to quite a few". He has delivered the children and grandchildren of many leaders of the Jewish community.

He has two cottages and a boat, but they see little of him. "My idea of recreation is a medical weekend meeting in New York, which I consider the centre of the medical world, so I can be back in my office Monday morning."

Baycrest returns to its roots

TORONTO —

Nostalgia will be the theme of this year's annual gala sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

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Will not hamper with ritual slaughter

Quebec minister reassures community about shechita

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Agriculture Minister Yvon Picotte reassured a gathering of Montreal's Orthodox rabbinate and religious functionaries that the Quebec government has no intention of tampering in any way with Jewish ritual slaughter (shechita).

The government had previously stated last year that kashrut or the Muslim ritual slaughter would not be affected by an animal protection act the province may adopt. The issue arose when the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals recommended in March 1990 that all animals about to be slaughtered be rendered unconscious first — which would be contrary to shechita. Such a law has been passed in Sweden and Switzerland.

Current federal and provincial regulations exempt Jewish slaughter, which involves cutting the throat of the conscious animal, from the stunning requirement.

Last fall, the SPCA withdrew the recommendation, which was submitted to the government in the form of a draft law, after a protest led by B'nai Brith Canada.

A parliamentary commission continues to study possible animal protection legislation, the province's first. The subject of ritual slaughter has not resurfaced.

At a meeting of close to 100 rabbis, including Chief Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung, and community representatives at the Vaad Ha'ir, Picotte said, "I assure you our government has no intention to change your tradition or practice in any way...The government will respect and defend your rights."

Picotte, who was accompanied by Industry Minister Gerald Tremblay, the MNA for Outremont, is the first Quebec agriculture minister to visit the office of the Vaad, which supervises kashrut in Quebec.

Picotte spoke in French, which was translated into Yiddish.

He said he wished to "dissociate" the government from the SPCA proposal. Not only did he promise to protect ritual slaughter, Picotte also offered the government's assistance in expanding the kosher food industry in Quebec, in order that less needs to be imported and that Quebec companies export more to North American markets.

Picotte abandoned a lengthy speech he had prepared for the Vaad meeting. In this text, he expresses the opinion that anti-Semitism has, in many instances in the past, been the motivation for calls for the abolition or changes to shechita, masked by a concern for animal suffering.

He cites research that claims that the animal is rendered almost instantly unconscious by the shoichet's quick severing of the jugular vein and cartoid artery in the animal's throat, therefore putting into doubt what the beast feels. He suggests it may actually be more humane than modern stunning methods.

"Those who are perturbed by the kosher method are, in truth, ill at ease in the face of a cultural difference. They are troubled by the word 'kosher', by the expression 'ritual slaughter', by the idea of a method of slaughter that has stayed the same for the millennia. They think that what is 'modern' is 'better'.

"In reality, for the animal, it seems there is no difference between the kosher method and the method of prior stunning."

The Vaad's kashrut director, Rabbi Abraham Niznik, emphasized to Picotte the concern for animal welfare in Jewish tradition. Above all, he said, kashrut is seen as a direct commandment from God to Moses.

Slaughterers, who must pass an exam to be certified, use only very sharp knives in order that the incision be quick and without interruption in order that the animal not suffer.

Other evidence of kindness to animals in the Jewish tradition are the prohibition on killing a cow and its calf on the same day, and domestic animals before their master eats, Rabbi Niznik pointed out.

Rabbi Abraham Nizinik presents a copy of The Holy Scriptures to Quebec Agriculture Minister Yvon Picotte. At left is Reuven Monheit of the Holy Community Association and (in back) Industry Ministry Gerald Tremblay. [Ya'acov Bauer photo]

Social work a "juggling act"

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The declining birthrate is another concern that is more crucial to the Jewish community than to others.

A substantial amount of the agency's time is spent on a related issue — intermarriage.

The issues of intermarriage and other controversial topics such as homosexuality raise the question of what the role of a Jewish agency should be.

Social work as a profession aims to be non-judgmental. But the religious and moral mandate incumbent on the agency by its role of serving the Jewish community adds a different and difficult dimension to the job.

Wolfe admits that it's a juggling act.

"It's certainly a hard question to answer. For example, speaking for the agency I would not stand up at a meeting and say, 'Intermarriage is not a problem.' I would say, 'Intermarriage is a problem for the Jewish community.'

"On the other hand, if a couple who are considering intermarriage comes to a social worker's office struggling as a Jew and a non-Jew whether to do it or not, we don't get preachy, and we don't start making pronouncements because that is not therapy and that is not helpful to their lives. They have already heard that stuff," he said.

"It is a balancing thing. I am opposed to divorce, too, but that doesn't mean we tell people not to get divorced. We try to help them keep their marriage together, if they want help, but we also help them get a clean divorce.

"I think that this agency has to acknowledge, support and perpetuate Jewish values. But it doesn't mean that we cannot deal with people in the context of counselling."

JF & CS has dealt with people in the context of counselling, and in many other contexts, for years now. While it may seem from this article that the tzuris are indeed great, perhaps the fact that so many troubles are being brought to light that wouldn't have been in the past is cause for celebration in itself.

"In the end, we have to find ways of education, of prevention, of getting to people earlier, of finding different models and different ways of working with people," Wolfe said.

"What we do best is that we respond to needs, and we are doing that, though it is not easy. When we get feedback from people in the community who know about this agency, we hear that we are prepared to respond, if we possibly can.

"There is a lot more to do. But I think we are doing a good job. The staff will always go the extra mile for their clients."

In an imperfect world, there is not a lot more that one can ask.

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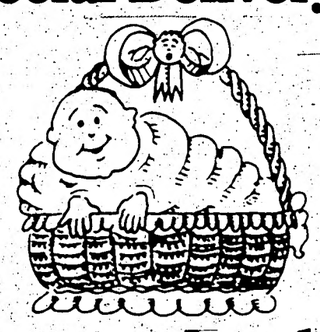

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Organizations and People

Owners of award-winnng horses

Goldberg, Weisbord well-known at New York's tracks

By
HARLAN C. ABBEY

BUFFALO —

Alan Goldberg is well-known in the horse racing world as trainer of Safely Kept, who won the Eclipse Award as the champion sprinter of 1989 and last year was the Eclipse runner-up despite winning the $1-million Breeders Cup Sprint race.

Equally well-known is Barry Weisbord, listed as the champion's owner, but actually Goldberg's partner in several horses. Weisbord also is head of the Matchmaker Group, which buys and sells breeding rights to stallions, lends money for race horse purchases, and offers all sorts of breeding and racing services.

A few years back, the two college roommates from Philadelphia weren't nearly as well-known.

"Barry and I lived together for three years," Goldberg recalled, "while I was finishing my BA in business administration at Drexel University and he was attending Penn. Both of us liked to go to the track to bet and after I graduated I went to the race tracks in New York and earned my BA" in racing from trainer Walter Kelly.

"For a time, Barry was listed as the trainer, but we always were partners. The first horse we bought, Little Red Pet, from trainer H. Allen Jerkins, cost us $10,000 — all the money we had and could borrow. He ran second four times and then was claimed from us, so we made some money.

"Then we took that $13,500 and claimed a horse named Algernon. He ran twice, got hurt and had to be put on a farm to recuperate.

"When Algernon went to the farm, Barry and I became house painters."

Algernon made a successful comeback to win several races in the first season of Philadelphia Park, and the two friends and partners were on their way into the winner's circle.

"Barry went into buying and selling stallion shares and we got lucky when we bought into King Emperor and Halo," Goldberg continued. "I think they cost us $10,000 for one breeding right for three years or maybe it was $7,500. Four or five years later those shares were worth $700,000 or $800,000. Of course, we had sold them a little earlier."

The horse business was on such an upswing that a superbly-bred yearling was sold for an astounding $13-million at a time when the most any horse ever had won racing (John Henry) was $6-million, added Goldberg.

"You didn't have to be a genius to be successful then, but a little bit of intelligence made you a genius. Now the geniuses are keeping their heads above water, and the near-geniuses are broke."

Before Safely Kept came along — at a price of $300,000 — Goldberg and Weisbord had had success with such horses as Top Socialite and Try For Size, both winners of over $500,000; and Just Class.

Safely Kept has won $1.8-million and Goldberg hopes she'll go over the $2-million mark and perhaps win another Eclipse Award.

Besides the champion, Goldberg has about 30 other horses of all ages and abilities, none of them a Triple Crown prospect.

"Right now, the horse business is tight," Goldberg admitted. "The tax laws have changed in regard to write-offs. It costs $55 a day in New Jersey and $65 in New York City to train a horse, and that's at no profit to the trainer. The horse has to earn $30,000 a year to show a profit.

"The hardest thing about the business is keeping people happy. It's hard to have to call an owner and say 'Your horse ran horribly' when they may have paid $40,000 for that horse.

"Sometimes it's better to take your lumps early, get rid of the horse at the end of the year rather than feed it over the winter and try to get even the next year."

Trainer Alan Goldberg along with Eclipse Award champion sprinter Safely Kept.

Technion fund receives $50,000

TORONTO —

A presentation of $50,000 was made during the recent visit to Toronto of Technion president Prof. Zehev Tadmor by Barrie Rose, chairman of the Toronto Technion High Tech Fund.

The money represents the first contribution of a fund established by a group of Toronto families some four years ago, a media release said.

"The TTT Fund was originally established by 15 families as a 'Generation to Generation' project by the Canadian Technion Society's Toronto chapter," said the release. Each family pledged an amount of at least $50,000 to be utilized in carefully selected projects of vital importance at Technion. The fund has since been augmented and now numbers 23 families.

With the advent of the massive Soviet Jewish immigration, Technion formulated a comprehensive program to alleviate their integration.

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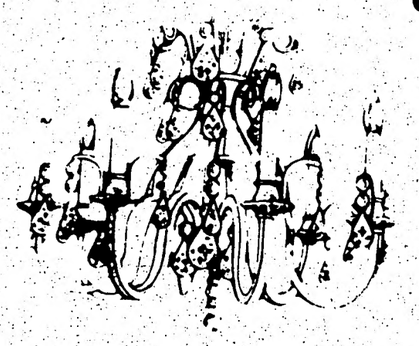

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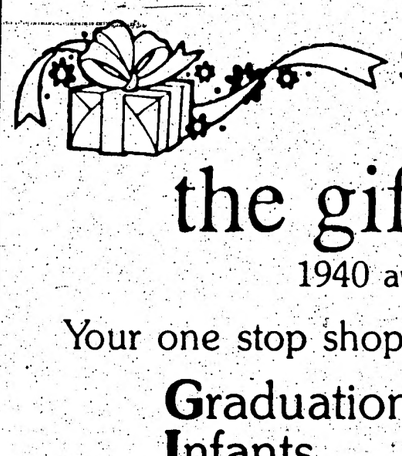

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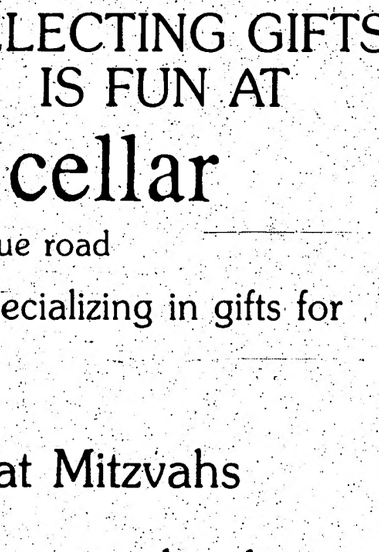

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Organization asked to help Operation Solomon

Ethiopian Jewish support group holds concert for donors

TORONTO —

"It could not have been timed better" was how Michael Mirsky, the treasurer of Amichai, the Educational Fund for Ethiopian Jewry summed up the chamber concert that was held on May 26 to thank donors for their support of the organization.

The renowned clarinetist Avraham Galper, previously head clarinetist of the Toronto Symphony and who now teaches at the University of Toronto and the Conservatory, and Shaya Petroff, who is not only a professional pianist but also a systems and computer analyst with Imperial Oil, both donated their time to give a concert. The music included the works of Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Grade and Srul Irving Glick.

Maxine Blendis, co-chairman of Amichai spoke with passion about the future needs of the Ethiopian community. Since the Canadian branch was formed in 1983, Amichai has been raising money to help Ethiopian Jews help themselves.

It is the only organization which is devoted to the religious and social support of the Ethiopian community by giving financial assistance to young Ethiopian-born men studying at a special program at Machon Meir in Jerusalem.

What makes the program so unique is that all the trainees are Amharic or Tigrean speakers (two languages of Ethiopia) and are familiar with the traditions and needs of this community.

Machon Meir has already trained 13 community leaders who are working in absorption centres around the country helping to resettle new Ethiopian immigrants. "Every Shabbat and at other times during the week, these men go out to absorption centres and schools to lecture, give moral support, run programs to ease the way of these new immigrants into Israeli life," Mirsky added.

Besides helping pay for the costs of their education, Amichai has a paid co-ordinator who arranges and supervises the Machon Meir and other volunteers. Transport, food supplies and materials are also subsidized by Amichai's funds.

With the arrival of approximately 15,000 new Ethiopian immigrants to Israel there is an urgent need to establish four new co-ordinators around the country to assist the Jerusalem head office.

Each co-ordinator would be responsible for running programs in 20 absorption centres serving 4,000 new immigrants. "We have the personnel," Blendis says, "but we now need the money. We are looking to raise $100,000 in the first instance. This will pay for the salaries of the co-ordinators, for the use of a car, which is imperative to their work and for paying for telephones and other basic needs. In the longer term more leaders are desperately needed to be trained."

The training takes four years and there are individuals who want to start a new class but are waiting for the funding to enable them to do so. Blendis received urgent calls from Israel asking Amichai Canada to help in this amazing and quite wonderful aliya called Operation Solomon.

"It is vital that we have leaders who know how to teach, encourage and lead their people and who know both Amharic and Hebrew. Blendis believes that all stops must be pulled out to help the community.

In times such as these when things are admittedly hard, Blendis still feels that Canadian Jews will give.

"It is much, much harder in Israel, and the Israelis are giving their time. We cannot be there, but we can help by supporting programs such as Amichai's so that these new immigrants get the assistance and start they need in their new land."

For more information please contact Maxine Blendis at 785-3448 or Joyce Rifkind at 484-1256.

Serebryany named music award winner

TORONTO —

Temple Sinai has announced that Sinai Musical Legacy Award winner for this year is pianist Vadim Serebryany.

Only 16 years of age, Serebryany is the youngest musician ever to receive the award, now in its eighth year.

He was born in Leningrad and arrived in Canada when he was three. He credits his mother with having first interested him in music. Beginning piano studies at the age of eight with Marina Geringas at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Serebryany was admitted to the Conservatory's pre-college performance program in 1984, where he is still studying.

He is the winner of numerous awards and scholarships at the Scarborough and Kiwanis Music Festivals, has won a number of scholarships at the Conservatory, and was chosen three times as provincial champion and finalist.

Serebryany performed at the Yamaha Piano Showcase in Ottawa at the age of 10 and has since played many concerts at the Conservatory and the Canadian music competitions including both Massey Hall and Roy Thomson Hall. It is his dream to become a concert pianist.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Eunuchs For The Kingdom Of Heaven — Women Sexuality & the Catholic Church, by Uta Ranke-Heinemann (Doubleday of Canada, $27.50).

Formidable blast against misogyny

Age-old problems within Catholic Church explored

The Catholic Church, although growing in numbers, is suffering from a variety of problems. In the last two decades about one-quarter of all priests have left the clergy. Psychosexual conflicts abound. In recent years in North America more than 300 priests and brothers have been accused or convicted of sexually abusing children.

A recent report discloses that as a result of civil litigation in the United States, the families of victims of molestation by priests have received an estimated $300 million from the Church and its insurers.

A social observer reports, "Homosexuality is so pronounced that many religious orders and diocesan seminaries now require men to pass an HIV test to prove that they do not carry the AIDS virus." As far back as 1974, polls conducted among priests revealed that a majority would prefer marriage rather than mandatory celibacy.

It is no secret that despite the strictures of the church, the vast majority of Catholic couples practise some form of birth control.

The author of this surprising book is professor of the History of Religion at the University of Essen, Germany. She was dismissed from her position as professor of Catholic Theology at the same institution for questioning the virgin birth of Jesus.

With an astonishing display of erudition she shows clearly that the whole of Church history is a long, arbitrary and despotic attempt on the part of men to dominate women. The emphasis of the early Church on celibacy ran counter to the existing Jewish tradition.

> Women only fit to reproduce

The rabbis maintained that it was a man's unconditional duty to marry. In deed, a Talmudic sage taught, "Whoever does not engage in procreation is like someone who spills blood." Of the host of rabbis from the Talmudic period only one, apparently, was unmarried.

His argument was, "What can I do? My soul clings to the Torah. The world can be maintained by other people." His unimpressed colleagues castigated him for his behavior.

For Thomas Aquinas (D. 1274), a great leader of the Church who built on the foundations of Augustine, women were fit only for reproduction and unqualified for matters involving reason of intelligence.

In Augustine's judgement, virginity was morally higher than marriage with sex, and marriage without sex is higher than marriage with it.

He wrote, "Anyone in our day who has arrived at perfect love of God surely has no more than spiritual desire for children." To Aquinas we owe the quaint but pernicious notion that woman is an inferior form of man.

From the Apostle Paul to Pope John Paul II, the Church has denigrated sex and degraded women. The European witchcraft craze of the 16th and 17th centuries was mainly directed at women. One out of every three women executed was a midwife.

Perhaps this was a logical extension of the notion that sex, "is in a special way the realm of the devil and responsible for the transmitting of original sin."

Unrelenting in her research, the author makes a powerful and impressive case against the follies of a tradition that has burdened the faithful with, "half-splitting nonsense . . . instead of making them more humane and kinder to their fellow human beings."

Some readers will find this irreverent treatise somewhat one-sided, shrill in tone and rather overloaded with obscure references and information. Still, it is a formidable blast against misogyny, the pleasure-hating, celibate contempt for marriage and age-old sexual ignorance and hypocrisy.

Na'amat's top parents award goes to Sharon, Lois and Bram

TORONTO — When you think of Na'amat, you are more likely to imagine children than elephants; but, there is a connection . . . Sharon, Lois and Bram.

This year, Na'amat has chosen these three fine performers, stars of television's *Elephant Show* and producers of *Elephant Records*, to receive, jointly, Na'amat's Spiritual Parents of the Year Award, which is presented annually to a person or to people who have shown outstanding concern for children.

"Our interest in these three fine people was first piqued when we heard the delightful rendition of *Rabbi Elimelach* on one of their tapes," Na'amat's Adopt-a-Child chairman Louise Cornblum, told The CJN.

"Then, at their Massey Hall concerts in December, the trio sang Chanukah songs. I was at one of the concerts with my grandchildren and I know how much it meant to me to have the children, who are at a sensitive age, see their minority values validated by their favorite television stars."

The Jewish content of the Sharon, Lois and Bram concerts is not just incidental. Bram Morrison explains, "We are perfectly aware of the difficulties faced by Jewish children who are growing up in a largely Christian society.

"There is a certain age when all children question whether they want to be different from the majority. That is usually at just about the time when they are most interested in the music that we play. We consider it to be absolutely essential to help Jewish children to reinforce their identity."

Sharon, Lois and Bram are very interested in Jewish culture and causes, even though only two members of the trio are Jewish; but, it is not Jewish children alone who feel their concern.

After every concert, as exhausted as they are, the trio meet backstage with handicapped, deprived and special group children. Their concern for the world's children is very deep.

Sharon, Lois and Bram have been appointed ambassadors to the United States committee for UNICEF and have worked for this charity, both in Canada and the United States, for the past three years.

They are recipients of the Danny Kaye Award for their help in raising more than $3 million for UNICEF's Halloween campaign.

Sharon, Lois and Bram are internationally famous for their records, four of which went gold, four platinum and one, double platinum.

Presentation of Na'amat's Spiritual Parents of the year Award took place at the Adopt-a-Child Dinner at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on June 5. This event is open to the public.

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Arts

Dennis Hopper effective as a racist in deep south

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Bigotry and afterlife...

Racism is a corrosive phenomenon, a dead-end ideology, as *Paris Trout* aptly reveals. In this searing film directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal, a bigoted merchant who is more than slightly demented vents his spleen when a transaction goes sour, and the result is tragic.

Paris Trout, currently at Famous Players theatres, is set in a flyblown Georgia town in 1949, when the march of desegregation had not even begun south of the Mason-Dixon line.

The central character, Paris Trout (Dennis Hopper), is a mean, beady-eyed racist storekeeper-cum-loanshark whose opinion of blacks is fairly typical of the time and the place. What's more, he's sullen and unsociable, full of resentments which he manages to repress. Trout, however, cannot contain his cold fury when Henry Ray Sayres, a local black, turns the tables on him. Discovering that the used car he bought from Trout is defective, Sayres backs out of the deal, leaving Trout high and dry. Trout, unaccustomed to "uppity" blacks, takes the law into his own hands, killing Sayres' younger sister and wounding his mother in an orgy of violence, which leaves you quite numb.

Trout is confident that he can slough off the matter by paying a fine. But Trout doesn't quite realize that he has stepped into a quagmire of his own making. The local sheriff, a stickler for the finer points of law, is unsympathetic. Trout's lawyer, Henry Seagraves (Ed Harris), is embarrassed by his crude assumption that he'll walk away untouched. Trout, given his upbringing and his experiences in life, assumes that whites have a special claim to justice. Trout's liberal wife, Hanna (Barbara Hershey), is not only disgusted with the crime he's committed; she's repulsed by his very presence. Who wouldn't be? Trout, as portrayed by Hopper, is a malevolent and thoroughly dislikable person.

Essentially, *Paris Trout* unfolds like a mood piece. The white heat of a midsummer Georgia day is a source of oppression. It beats down relentlessly, forcing spectators at Trout's trial to fan themselves reflexively. The hot weather even invades the privacy of a lovers' bedroom; beads of sweat trickle down Seagraves' brow as he makes love to Hanna. Their affair, which occurs midway through Trout's trial, further aggravates an already tense situation.

By no stretch of the imagination is *Paris Trout* "entertaining" in the usual sense of the word. It is remorselessly and unceasingly serious, speeding to its bloody denouement without preliminaries or red herrings.

Hopper is the heart and soul of *Paris Trout*. He animates each frame with his smouldering, hateful prejudice. Hershey acquits herself honorably as a suffering, abused woman, though her Georgia accent is less than convincing. Harris is extremely laconic, perhaps too much so.

Paris Trout exhibits the ugly face of racism. It is not a pretty picture, but it's obviously the work of a craftsman.

WHITE LIGHT

Directed by Al Waxman, *White Light* deals with a faddish topic — afterlife. Think of two recent commercial hits, *Ghost* and *Defending Your Life*, and you may understand its origins.

Try as hard as he might, Waxman's romantic thriller, now playing at Famous Players theatres, is a study in confusion. But Waxman is not totally at fault, being hobbled by a muddled script written by Ron Base.

Let's see if I can get this straight.

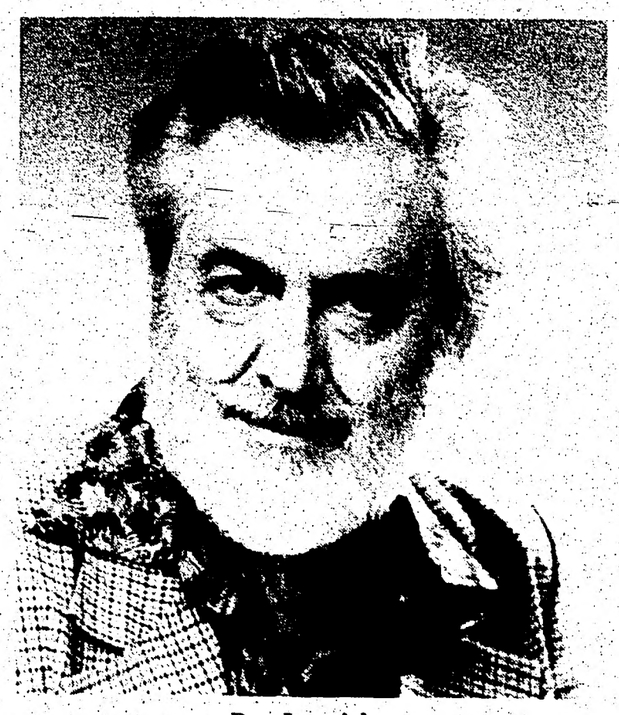
An undercover detective (Martin Kove), having been apparently murdered by gangsters, suddenly twitches back to life during an autopsy. He searches for a beautiful young woman (Allison Hossack) whom he seems to have met in an afterlife. She, in turn, is shot by her jealous ex-lover. Kove miraculously brings her back to life. In another twist, Kove is rescued from death, yet again, by a cardiologist (Martha Henry) who is gunned down in a hail of bullets.

Despite its sheen of professionalism, *White Light* is convoluted, implausible and finally unconvincing. It all seems like a terrible waste. Better luck next time, Al.

SNIPPET...

F/X, that clever 1986 sleeper, has been resurrected in the form of a sequel. Like its predecessor, *FX/2* is a tongue-in-cheek thriller featuring great special effects (notably an exploding cyborg and a clown robot named Bluey). Filmed largely in Toronto, it stars Bryan Brown and Brian Dennehy as a special effects wizard and a private eye, respectively, who team up to hunt down a dangerous killer in cahoots with a corrupt New York detective.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *FX/2* is taut and amusing, though not as accomplished as *F/X*. I suppose it won't be too long before *FX/3* starts production.



Ben Lennick

Lennicks to appear at Yiddish lecture

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Lovers of Yiddish Theatre in Toronto in the old days are in for a treat when Ben and Sylvia Lennick present an illustrated lecture Wednesday June 19 at the Lipa Green building at 8 p.m.

Under the title of It Started with the Standard Theatre: The Spread of Yiddish Theatre in Canada, the two veterans of stage and radio will relate anecdotes and recollections of Maurice Schwartz, Menasha Skulnik, Molly Picon, Leo Fuchs, Lucy and Misha Gehrman, Hannah and Isidore Hollander, Johnny Wayne, Frank Shuster and John Hirsch, with excerpts from some of their performances.

It is under sponsorship of the Jewish Theatre Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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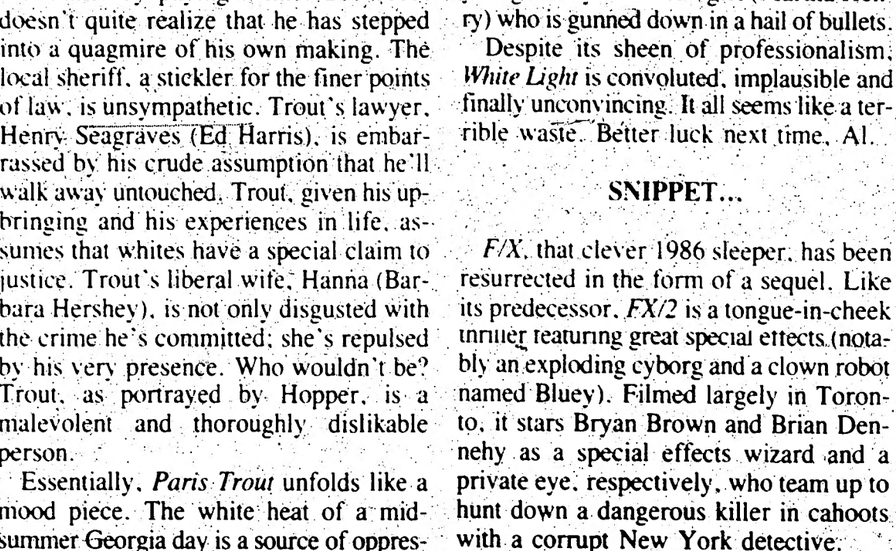

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Gallery Gatherings

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Annex Art Centre: New works, large oils on masonite, by Francine Lapointe. June 2-July 21. At 994 Bathurst St. Unit 2B (entrance on Olive Avenue) 516-0110.

Arnold Gottlieb Gallery: *Psycho Courier Show*, an eclectic collection of new age paintings and sculpture by artist-courier Roy Gibson. June 18-July 4. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 313. Phone 359-0103.

Art Dialogue Gallery: Hans E. Hirschfeld, *Time Capsules*, mixed media collages. To June 12 at 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 201. Phone 368-3534.

Art Gallery of Hamilton: *Practising Beauty* an inquiry into the late 20th century interpretation of a conventional art subject - the body. Until June 23. *Acquisitions*, a portion of artworks acquired by the gallery in 1990. To July 21. At 123 King St. W. in Hamilton. (416) 527-4610.

Art Gallery of Ontario: Due to construction, only the Henry Moore sculpture centre and limited displays plus The Grange, will be open to the public during June, July and August. Admission prices are sharply reduced. 317 Dundas St. W. (enter through the Jackman Hall doors on McCaul Street - special access ramp for the physically challenged). Phone 977-0414.

A Space: *The Abortion Wars*, a multi-media installation with a historical perspective, by Joyce Kline. To June 15. At 183 Bathurst St. (north of Queen). 364-3227.

Baux-Xi: Pastels done in Italy by Canadian Henry de la Giroday. June 4-23. New paintings by Art Lucs, June 25-July 4. At 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

The Bay 5th Floor: Annette Golant, portraits in prismacolor and copper relief. To July 29. At The Bay, Bloor and Yonge. 635-5399 or 972-3381.

Croft St. Studio: *Monkey Business*, ironic, sometimes whilmsical photography by Lorne Fromer. To June 9. At 22 Croft St. 960-1140.

Darlene's Gallery of Art: Tarkay, prints and watercolors; Ivan Putora, pastel originals; Jill Segal, watercolors. Through June. 5919 Leslie St. 490-0107.

Evelyn Aimis Gallery: *Human Forms*, drawings and sculpture, including works by Avery, Etrog, Matisse. Until June 20. Also, selected works by contemporary Canadian and international artists, through the summer. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

Extension: (the print and drawing gallery). *Fluctuations: New Triptychs*, drawings by Judith Sandiford. June 8-July 3. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 503. Phone 977-5311 ext. 323.

Galerie Beaux Arts: Gallery artists, including Grant Hillman, Catherine Hobart, Joel Mesewich. June 15-July 13. At 2064 Avenue Rd. 322-0995.

Gallery Moos: *The Electric at Moos Exhibition*, a selection of works from The Electric Gallery. Through June. 136 Yorkville Ave., 922-0627.

Gallery One: Larry Zox, paintings and works on paper. June 15-July 10. At 121 Scollard St. 929-3103.

Gallery Phillip: Alan Wylie, recent oil paintings and watercolors - high realism. June 6-29. 939 Lawrence Ave. E. (Don Mills Centre). 447-1301.

Garnett Press Gallery: Catherine Carmichael, outdoor sculpture. Through the summer. 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Glendon Gallery: *9 From Toronto*, installation art works produced in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England. June 6-27. Glendon College, 2275 Bayview Ave. 487-6721.

Harbourfront: *Passages of the Image*, a major international exhibition devoted to contemporary media arts. Until June 16. Joanne Todd: *Race Representation and Identity*, 21 exploratory paintings. June 28-Sept. 2. The Power Plant, Queen's Quay West. 979-4343.

The Innuit Gallery: *Two Generations: Charlie Kittosuk and Isaac Appaqaq*, reflects the work of two men living very different lives, Kittosuk, representing the Old Arctic and Isaac Appaqaq, the New North School, but both drawing inspiration from their roots. June 1-22. At 9 Prince Arthur Ave.,

The Isaacs Gallery: Viktor Tinkl, *Travellers in a Land Strange & Not So Strange*. To June 22. At 179 John St. 595-0770.

Jane Corkin Gallery: George Zimbel, photography, Gallery I. Martha Henrickson, photography, Gallery II. Both through June 22. Nigel Scott, photography, Gallery I. Greg Staats, photography, Gallery II. Both June 26 through August. 179 John St. 979-1989.

John B. Aird Gallery: *Environment and Perspective*, a members' multimedia exhibition from the Ontario Society of Artists. June 7-29. The Macdonald Block, Queen's Park, 77 Wellesley St. W. 928-6772.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: *A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto*, gripping photographs taken by a German soldier (exhibition is sponsored by The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service). Continues to June 13. *Meditation on Banality*, photography by David Hlynsky. Paintings by Dan Hudson. Both June 20-July 18. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Kagan Gallery: Joseph Stickley, very large oil on canvas works. Through June. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 304. Phone 364-6181.

Koffler Gallery: *Photographs of Children, 150 Years*. Main Gallery. Carol Marino, photographic work. Loggia Gallery. Both until June 16. At 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Kyser-Goldberg Galleries: Recent watercolors (mainly florals) by Vera Fischer. Continues to June 14. Rosedale Atelier, 1108 Yonge St. 960-1079.

Leo Kamen Gallery: Marlene Hilton Moore, *Fragment Series*, sculptures and drawings. June Allen, *American Folk Tales*, mixed media work on paper. Both June 8-22.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Redefined: The Quilt As Art*. To June 16. *The First Passionate Collector: The Ian Lindsay Collection of Inuit Art*. Until June 30. *A Sketching Trip*, Arthur Lismer's drawings which caricatured his 1927 trip to Lake Superior with Lawren Harris. To June 30. Islington Avenue Kleinburg. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: John Hartman, *The Big Picture*. To June 15. *Painting the Land*, contemporary landscape paintings, Michael Coyne, Barbara Bellachey, Greg Hardy. June 22-Aug. 17. At 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Royal Ontario Museum: *Baboons of Kenya: The Pumphouse Gang*, photography. To July 21. At 100 Queen's Park. 586-5858.

Sandra Ainsley Gallery: New works in glass by Jose Chardieta and Richard Ritter. Until June 30. Exchange Tower 2, First Canadian Place, Adelaide and York. 362-4480.

291 Gallery: Garfield Ferguson, *Painting the Beat*, textured abstracts. To June 12. Sarah Hunter, *Circus Critters*, mixed media and sculpture. June 13-July 3. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 302. Phone 364-5541.

Ydessa Hendeles Art Foundation: The first extensive exhibition outside Europe of works by German artist Hanne Darboven. Through January 1992. At 778 King St. W. 941-9400.

TV shows highlight hope during Shoa

TORONTO —

On June 14 and 21, Vision TV presents two programs that highlight the indomitable spirit of hope and courage that existed among the horrors of the Holocaust. *Rescuers Speaking* and *Light in the Dark* both pay tribute to the resilience of the individuals who survived in the face of overwhelming odds and to the bravery of those who risked their lives for others.

Both highlight the sentiment expressed by one survivor: "Do we want to teach our children that Auschwitz was all there was? Although there was horror and murder and chaos and bestiality, there was also heroism and caring and love and compassion."

Rescuers Speaking, an hour-long docu-drama on June 14, is based on the research of Samuel Oliner, a professor of sociology at Humboldt State University in California.

When he was 12, Oliner's parents were shot by the Nazis. As a Jewish boy in Poland, he would have been killed had it not been for the courage and kindness of a gentile neighbor who risked execution by passing him off as her own son.

Many years later, Oliner would go on to study the "altruistic personality" of over 500 so-called "righteous gentiles" who rescued Jews from the Nazis.

Five of those stories are told in *Rescuers Speaking* by actors who recount the personal drama experienced by three individuals and two couples. They include a Polish housewife who rescued a Jewish baby and breast-fed her along with her own child; an Italian priest who organized an escape network for Jews outside Florence before being betrayed by an SS spy; a Dutch couple who lived with the fear of hiding 15 people in their house but still managed to give parties for their "guests," celebrating on a single tea bag; and Oliner's own story of escape and rescue.

The following week, on June 21, *Light in the Dark* presents the harrowing story of a small group of Jews and the extraordinary action they were forced to take to avoid deportation to the death camps.

During the time of the German occupation of the Ukraine, a party of some 20 Jews living in Lvov went into hiding in the sewers under the city. With the help of some Polish and Ukrainian sympathizers above ground, 10 of those 20 people managed to survive for more than 14 months amongst torrents of sewage and scavenging rats and with the continuous risk of discovery.

Light in the Dark is a story of heroism and tragedy told by the five remaining survivors who existed under the most hideous conditions in the tunnels beneath the city of Lvov.

Vision TV will present *Rescuers Speaking* on Friday, June 14 and *Light in the Dark* on Friday, June 21 as part of Vision's foreign documentary series *Sighted Offshore*. Both programs will be seen at 8 p.m. eastern time (repeated at 1 a.m. (ET) and the following Monday at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET).

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Lowell began decline in 1920s

Historical park to commemorate industrial revolution

LOWELL, MASS. — In the fall of 1991, Lowell National Historical Park will open its newest attraction, the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, the first, major national park service museum on industrial history.

Lowell National Historical Park commemorates the Industrial Revolution in Lowell, the most significant planned industrial city in the United States. The museum is part of a multi-million dollar, public/private restoration of the Boott Mills Complex, originally constructed in 1836. Mill No. 6 dates back to 1873.

Visitors to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum will pass into the mill yard using the same bridge over the eastern canal that mill workers used for over 100 years. Tracing the footsteps of these mill workers, visitors will enter the museum where they will encounter a recreated weave room, with 90 operating power looms.

Harking back to the early 1900s, the looms are belt-driven, with their harnesses rocking and their shuttles flying. Some will actually produce cotton cloth. A brief walk through the Weave Room offers a sense of work in the mills, complete with the clatter, heat, vibration, and smell of early factories.

The Weave Room provides a frame of reference for subsequent exhibits on the impact of industrialization on America, the growth of Lowell's mills, their decline, the textile production process, the work experience, America's fascination with technology, Lowell of today, and work in the 21st century.

On the second floor, Pre-Industrial America spotlights the key ingredients that made the Lowell experiment possible and includes East Chelmsford, Mercantile Boston, Models of Industrialization, and The South.

Using artifacts, models, graphics,and text, the stations dramatically present the story of the land, labor, money, technology, and cotton, needed to make the industrial city.

Next, the enduring theme of America's transition from farm to factory is presented in a dramatic multi-image audio-visual program in the museum's theatre. The program uses The Great Debate between Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson over the future of the United States as a springboard to tell the story of the national sweep of industrialization, and Lowell's place in that story.

The next exhibit, Bale to Bolt, presents the first 100 years of industrialization in Lowell, from 1820-1920. Exhibits detail the integrated textile manufacturing process, a system where raw cotton was transformed into finished cloth, all in one building.

Here, workers talk about work in the mills — the noise, dust, danger, and pride in their work, and the community of workers. Issues between labor and management are also explored in programs such as an interactive video on the 1912 strike.

America's Fascination with Technology is an illustration of the country's romance with inventing new machines, with an additional focus on Lowell-related inventors and machinists such as Paul Moody, James B. Francis, and others.

The decline of Lowell is presented in the next section of the exhibit. As a city, Lowell experienced the beginning of a long decline in the 1920s when the mills began to close and most of the cotton textile industry moved south.

This view of Lowell captures the city and its people after its golden age, before electronic and high tech industries began to transform the region, and before citizens moved to create the parks, commissions, and agencies which worked to revitalize the community.

From Lowell in Decline, visitors move into Lowell of Today, where Lowellians are presented in the workplace, at selected shops, businesses, and corporations. These exhibits feature representative mannequins surrounded by the tools of their trade.

Lowell of Today depicts the diversity of Lowell's workers, from employees at WANG Laboratories and the Raytheon Corporation, to those of the Prince Spaghetti Plant, Marathon Shoe Repair, the Lowell-Sun and the University of Lowell.

The second part of this section tackles the difficult aspects of the changing nature of work. Work in the 21st Century is a video presentation offering a serious and provocative look at work in the not-too-distant future. The program will pose questions to labor historians, factory workers and visitors. Questions include: "What do you think the workforce will be like in the year 2010? What will the work be? Will there be factories with lots of people or mainly robots?"

The Boott Cotton Mills Museum illustrates Lowell National Historical Park's pioneering role as a "co-operative park." Uniquely, the National Park in Lowell has few distinct boundaries. The park is the City of Lowell, and the City is the park. In keeping with this concept, the last exhibit in the Boott Cotton Mills Museum allows the community of Lowell to take centre stage. Through exhibits and displays, visitors are invited to explore the variety of Lowell's cultural offerings at sites such as the Whistler House Museum of Art, the New England Quilt Museum, the Merrimack Repertory Theatre, the New England Folklife Centre of Lowell, and the Lowell Historical Society. As visitors leave the museum, Lowell National Historical Park encourages them to venture onward to the many unique historical and valuable cultural resources throughout the city.

Also opening in the Boott Mill will be the Tsongas Industrial History Centre, a unique, collaborative project of the University of Lowell and the National Park Service. The Tsongas Centre offers students and teachers the opportunity to learn history in new, interactive ways, combining hands-on workshops with exploration of the city.

Other public and private educational and museum organizations will be located on the upper floors of the mill; the New England Folklife Centre of Lowell and the Lowell Historical Society will operate facilities, provide research assistance, and present public programming on industrial history, cultural awareness, and the history of Lowell.

The National Park Service's Cultural Resources Centre (CRC) will relocate to the Boott from its facilities in the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston. The CRC is a regional facility offering preservation and archeological expertise to the eight state North Atlantic Region.

Museum admission is $2 for adults; $1 for senior citizens; and children aged 16 and under are free. School groups and other organizations can take advantage of many educational programs and guided tours offered by the Park and its co-operators.

For more information contact Lowell National Historical Park, 169 Merrimack Street, Lowell, MASS. 01852, (508) 459-1000 (V/TDD).

A FISHY TALE

Fishmongers argue over their catch in the market in the old port of Marseille. [Paul Lungen photo]

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By
LEN BUTCHER

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It's an 18-day **Photo Israel Tour** in early October and it's designed for anyone who likes to take pictures, whether you're a pro, or like most of us, an amateur who would like to take good, interesting, out-of-the-ordinary shots.

Betty Moses and **Peter Skinner** of **Foto S'Fari Tours** at 2300 Yonge St. dropped by the other day to tell me they were just starting to put the tour together. They had planned a photo tour to **Israel** late last year, but the **Gulf War** interrupted their plans. So they're ready to try it again and it sounds like a winner.

First of all, **Betty's** daughter lives in Israel where she works with **Club Med** and she's going to arrange trips off the beaten path. This doesn't mean you'll be roughing it unless you consider 4-star accommodations the next thing up from sleeping on a park bench.

The cost (an always important factor) has not been worked out yet, but will include return air fare from **Toronto**, the above-mentioned accommodations and breakfasts and dinners (kosher, of course, available). The airline? Who else but **El Al**, so there's another plus for you.

Now for the fun part and the credit has to go to **Peter Skinner**, an amiable **Aussie** who has been here for many years and knows that people on vacation want to have fun with a capital F. Not only does **Peter** (he's the photographer) give you a photo lesson every morning at breakfast, but being something of an actor, takes along a varying range of costumes.

Pourquoi? you ask. Good question, but one with an easy answer. **Peter** believes you should really get into what you're doing, so as well as providing unusual photo opportunities, he gets, if they wish, our fun-loving fotogs to dress up in period costumes to fit the location and take pictures of each other. If you're not following this maybe you should stay home. But let me give you an example.

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Jill Wykes at **Sunquest Vacations** tells me that they've added a second weekly departure to **Ireland** this summer. The flights will operate June 26 to Sept. 4, departing from **Toronto** on Wednesdays to **Dublin** and **Shannon**. There are also Friday departures to these cities and Thursday departures to **Belfast.**

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So much for readers who care for me.

Existing structures maintained

Restored Jaffa area retains character

By
CAROL WOLF

JERUSALEM — When the Jews who settled Jaffa's Neve Tzedek quarter in 1886 dubbed the area's homes "Parisian Houses," it was evident from the start that this was an optimistic group.

After all, there was nothing even vaguely French about the area. If anything, its narrow lanes, tightly packed houses and absence of sanitary facilities made it no different from any of Jaffa's other squalid quarters.

But still, there was a difference in the area's makeup. Not in the cosmetic sense, but in its location — for Neve Tzedek was the first neighborhood established outside of Jaffa's walls.

From the beginning, life in Neve Tzedek was no picnic. The neighborhood started out as home to 48 tightly-knit living units constructed in the form of row houses. "The fact that the quarters were so close was intentional," points out Ya'acov Rosenman, coordinator of the Tel Aviv municipal renewal project of Neve Tzedek.

"The closeness gave the residents a feeling of security. After all, the area had to be guarded around the clock against neighboring Arab incursions."

Inside, the homes were far from palatial. The size of each unit was 37 square metres. While each home had a small front yard, the same yard housed the outhouse and laundry facilities (such as they were).

The entire neighborhood (which was acquired from Aharon Chelouche, one of the founders of Jaffa's Jewish community) covered a space of 14,000 square yards. So why the appellation of "Parisian houses."

Because Neve Tzedek symbolized a dream and was the first area which assembled Jews in a local community framework based on fraternal relations.

By 1922 Neve Tzedek was annexed to Tel Aviv. It continued with its reputation as a "homey quarter" and attracted such celebraties as Israeli author Y. H. Brenner and Israel's Nobel Laureate, S. Y. Agnon, who chose to live within its midst.

Nonetheless, as time went by the older generation died out, the area was neglected and, to a limited extent, abandoned.

Because of its proximity to the sea, Neve Tzedek's houses began to deteriorate through their exposure to the damp atmosphere. Members of the second and third generations moved out of the neighborhood, leaving the dwellings either empty or rented out as factory facilities.

Once Neve Tzedek started to resemble an industrial area, the Tel Aviv Municipality and the Ministry of Housing felt that they had to intervene, in order to ensure that the neighborhood maintains its uniqueness as both an historic area and a special residential quarter.

The turning point for the neighborhood came in 1981, when director Oded Kotler founded the Neve Tzedek Theatre Group — a type of "Off Broadway" experimental playhouse which also served local inhabitants by organizing community events and providing drama workshops for children.

The advent of the theatre aroused new interest in the quaint quarter, with artists plus well-to-do families buying some of the homes in the area and renovating them.

With the restoration push on, momentum started to grow. Finally, in 1986 — a full 100 years after its founding — Neve Tzedek became the object of an official gentrification project sponsored by the Tel Aviv Municipality and Israel's Ministry of Housing and Development.

One might say that until 1986 Neve Tzedek was frozen in time. Indeed, in a 1985 edition of a tourist magazine, Neve Tzedek was described as "a maze of meandering streets with dozens of single storey houses — many in dire need of a face-lift. A walk here gives the feeling of what life was like at the turn of the century."

Despite the fact that the neighborhood still requires extensive urban renewal, Rosenman points out that it is not being done at the expense of the area's atmosphere.

"Our goal is to maintain Neve Tzedek's character while at the same time provide the option to expand and build."

Although all the homes in the neighborhood are sold and bought on a private basis, owners know that by law they cannot tear down existing structures.

Instead, they are given building permits to expand their facilities and are instructed to maintain the original look of the buildings' facades and curved, bobbled roofs.

Hidden among the narrow streets and alleys of Neve Tzedek stands the first centre for dance and theatre in the country. The Suzanne Dellal Centre provides a splendid home for Israel's world-class dance troupes.

The centre was completed in time to celebrate the 25th birthday of the Batsheva Dance Company and the 40th year of performances by the Inbal Dance Theatre, whose forte is the blend of ethnic and modern dance. Both companies have already taken up residence.

The centre boasts a complex of three stately buildings — three performing halls and two spacious plazas — an ideal ambience for outdoor as well as indoor performances. The main theatre — with 400 seats — is located in the building that was the Alliance Boys' School.

The Yehieli Public School for Girls and the famous Levinsky Seminar provide office space and a 250 seat theatre. An old well from the Ottoman period punctuates the plaza before the building, where Inbal has its offices and a starkly beautiful 160-seat hall.

Behind the hut is a mural by designer-artist David Tartakover, which portrays some of the important residents of the area: Aharon Chelouche, Rabbi Cook — the Chief Rabbi of the Jewish community in Palestine, Shimon Rokach — an active public leader whose son later became mayor of Tel Aviv, and several famous writers and poets.

The architectural design of the Centre and the mural faithfully represent the history of Neve Tzedek, its people and its very special atmosphere.

Israel looks at eliminating system of classifying hotels

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel may abolish the "star" system for grading hotels in order to encourage competition and discourage excessive prices, Tourism Minister Gideon Patt told a meeting of the Israel Hoteliers Association.

The star system is used all over the world to classify hotels according to objective standards of quality.

The difference between one and five stars is reflected in the price differential, which is supervised and enforced by the ministry.

Patt admitted his ministry's standards are somewhat more lenient to the hotelier than in other countries.

But the system itself discourages fair competition and keeps prices artificially high, the tourism minister said, at a time when Israel's hotels need all the business they can get.

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Discount brokerage firms offer clients full service

By
PAUL BATES

(The following is a response by Paul Bates to a Money Matters column written by Arnold Polan (CJN, April 25) on discount brokerages. Bates is president of Marathon Brokerage Inc., Discount Investment Service)

In a recent Money Matters column in this newspaper, Arnold Polan appeared to give readers a fair comparison between discount brokerage and full-service brokerage firms.

As vice-president and director of Scotia McLeod Inc., Polan is understandably pro full-service. However, his comparison of what today's discount brokers are offering the investor, versus their full-service counterparts, is unfair and unfortunately limited in its scope.

To illustrate, Polan paints discount brokers as mere "order fillers," "essentially dealing with the mechanics of buying and selling securities." This could not be more untrue.

The only service discount brokers still do not provide their clients is the giving of advice, which many knowledgeable investors consider superfluous. Otherwise, the wide and growing range of products and services offered by today's discounters rivals that of any full-service firm on the street, bar none.

Contrary to Polan's belief, discount brokers are also "financial professionals," who are governed by the very same "know your client" rules as full service brokers.

As part of any new account interview, discount brokers are required to determine and record an investor's objectives and ensure that they are in keeping with his or her investment knowledge, experience and financial wherewithal.

The client's subsequent instructions for the placement of orders are always carefully compared to those originally stated investment goals to ensure their compliance and affirmation, and the discount broker will inform them whenever an order is not in keeping with their investment history or current strategy.

This is not giving advice or direction, in the full-service sense. It is simply the discounters' way of doing business professionally, by knowing their clients, listening carefully to their needs and wishes, and giving them all the information and service they want, without any bias or sales pressure.

Yes, it is quite true that you do not get the same person every time you call a discount broker. Instead, with firms such as ours, you get a whole team of professional registered representatives, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all committed to servicing your individual investment needs, irrespective of the size of your account and the amount of commissions you generate.

Discount brokers have never been just "order fillers." Nor do their clients "not receive any additional service." And as for "not offering the full range of investments that are available through a full service dealer," Polan is way behind the times.

Most discount brokers today offer not only a full range of investment vehicles, but also many specialized products and services designed to assist and empower the independent investor in making his or her own investment decisions with confidence.

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Polan is correct in saying that discount brokers may be the best alternative for the well-informed investor who feels comfortable with his or her own investment decisions. The full-service broker continues to be irreplaceable for those who need advice or a second opinion, even if only some of the time.

However, surely it should be possible for both to co-exist without publicly undermining the professionalism or credibility of each other.

Today's investors are becoming more knowledgeable and more self-confident than ever before, and are seeking the information and professional, unbiased service they need to support them in their independent investment decision-making.

This is why discount brokers are gaining an increasing share of the market, and why some full-service competitors are understandably defensive and nervous.

As Milton Friedman says, "If an individual is directly and substantially at risk, he will work far harder, far more effectively, than will anyone working indirectly on his behalf."

I agree with Polan that "for some investors, the best solution may be a combination of the two." And now that the case has been made for the discount broker, readers may be in a more informed position to choose for themselves what is best for them.

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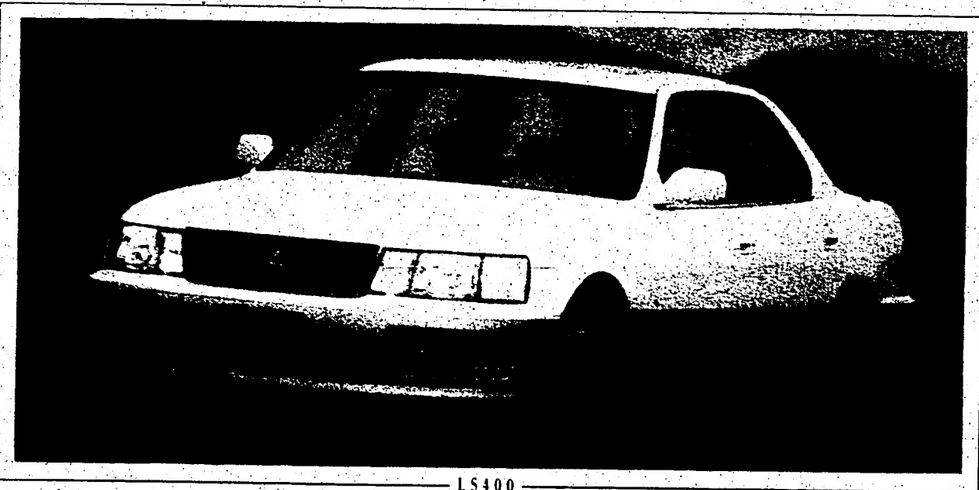

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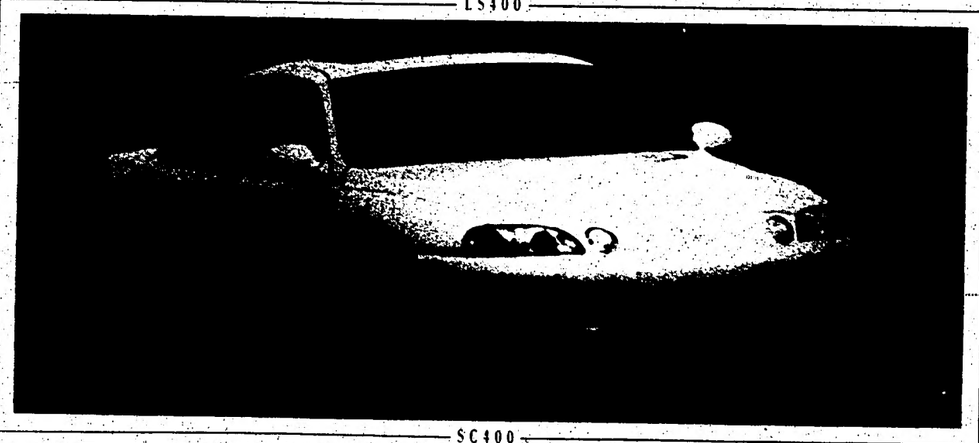

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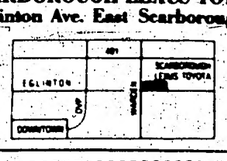

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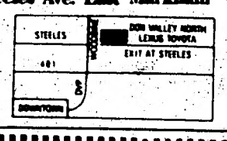

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FINE PROPERTIES

WARREN RD.
Restored in the grand style. Centre hall, music rm. & pan'ld library, the ultimate kitchen. 3 car garage. *Mary Wasser/*Edith Weiss.

LOWER VILLAGE
$1,250,000. Splendid 5-6 bdrms., Salvarini kitchen, fam. & morning rms., lower l-lvl. games rm. & nanny's qrtrs. *Gayle Kitchell.

ROBINWOOD AVENUE
Exceptional 3-storey, stone front Tudor. 6+ bdrms., pan'ld library/fam. rm., Snaidero kitchen. Lush gnds. Financing avail. *Edith Weiss.

FEATURED IN CITY & COUNTRY HOME
NOW $1,295,000. Prestigious 6 bdrms., gourmet kitchen, main flr. family rm. & oak library. Entertain in elegance. *Shelley Fingerhut.

FOREST HILL RD.
NOW $1,975,000. Classic 3-storey Georgian. 8 bedrooms, main flr. library, sun-filled principal rms. CAC. **Harold Hillman.

LOWER VILLAGE TUDOR
$859,000. Handsome 5 bedrooms, master ensuite, main flr. family rm. with w/o to garden, den. Central air. Att. garage. *Syma Stanton.

LOWER V[illage] SOLD EORGIAN
$1,475,000. Exquisite 2-sto[rey] [G]eorgian. 5 bedrooms, family rtm., exceptional lower lvl. CAC. *Eleanor Stanton/*Edie Winberg.

EAST OF SPADINA
$1,195,000. Elegant home. [SOLD] bedrooms, panelled family rm., renovated baths, h[ired] quarters. 2 car garage. **Don Wagman.

UPPER FOREST HILL
$899,000. Outstanding home & location! 4+ bdrms., master ensuite, ultra kitchen, main flr. fam. rm. Dble. garage. **Harold Hillman.

UPPER VILLAGE
$679,000. Fabulous 4 bdrms., main flr. den, Florida rm. & powder rm., fin. l-level. Close to Synagogues & all amenities. *Erica Binder.

PRIME CEDARVALE
$419,000. Immaculate 3 bedroom home, good size principal rooms, fin. l-level. Private garden. Just move-in. Att. Garage. *Syma Solomon.

EGLINTON/CHAPLIN
$496,000. Charming 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 walk-outs, skylights, security system, deck. CAC. Great location! **Nathan Baker.

AVENUE RD/EGLINTON DUPLEX
$459,000. Tasteful renovation. Spacious 2-2 bedroom units. Great for user or income property. Good opportunity! *Donna Taylor.

LEGAL 5-PLEX
$739,000. Magnificent reno.! Good income property. 4 w/o's to individual decks. Beautiful grounds. One-of-a-kind! *Shelley Fine.

LEGAL TRIPLEX — REDUCED!
NOW $549,000. Yonge/St. Clair. 3 units. Deck & balcony. 3 car parking. Easy conversion to 4-plex. Deep lot. *Louise Goodman.

THE CHURCHILL — REDUCED!
NOW $365,000. Fabulous 2 bdrm. unit, master ensuite. Approx. 1,300 sf. Central air. 24 hr. conc. Parking. *Edie Winberg.

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LAWRENCE/AVENUE RD.
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MID-TOWN LIVING
$789,000. Spacious centre hall great for entertaining. 3+ bdrms., family rm., 3 walk-outs, 3 f/ps. Central air/vacuum. *Shelley Fine.

SANDRINGHAM/AVENUE RD.
$398,000. Gorgeous 50' x 120' lot. Add on or build your dream home. Permit available. Prime location!! *Shirley Sugar-Green.

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NOW $339,000. Lovely 3 bdrms., 3 baths, updated kitchen, fam. rm. Central air. Fabulous lot facing park. *Shirley Sugar-Green.

BAYVIEW/S. OF STEELES
$788,000. Stunning centre hall. 4+ bdrms., spacious princ. rms., soaring ceilings, family rm., huge rec. rm. larm. CAC. *Edie Winberg.

BAYVIEW/N. OF CUMMER
$559,000. Wonderful 4+ bdrms., master ensuite, pan'ld fam. rm., lower level nanny's rm. & play rm. CAC. I/G Pool. *Syma Solomon.

BAYVIEW/[illegible] SHIRE
$249,000. Spacious & ele[gant] [SOLD] .n. condo. Loads of storage. Insuite laundry. Worry free living. *Ruth Halperin/*Edie Winberg.

BATHURST/MAJOR MACKENZIE
NOW $379,900. Spacious 4 [bdrm.] [SOLD] aster ens., main flr. library, laundry & pan'ld family rm [SOLD] [heated] I/G Pool. *Marlene Federman.

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3 bdrm. + bsmnt. apt., hdwd. flrs., central air. Lucy Melamud, 731-7111.

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3+ 1 bdrm. sidesplit, fam. rm., w/o to garden, Sharon Balaban, 731-7111.

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4 bdrm., fin. bsmnt., dbl. gar., extras. $299,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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4 Bd., mn. flr., laundry, dbl. gar. $279,000. Fran Kieselstein, 731-7111.

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3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., dbl. gar., fin. bsmnt., Steve Fisher, 731-7111.

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3 bdrm., fam. rm., firepl., air, $249,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Spacious freehold, upgraded kitch., parquet flrs., Michelle Kahn, 731-7111.

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Immaculate 3 bdrm., marble foyer, 5 appls., $234,900. Ellen Fisher, 731-7111.

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4+bedrooms, huge mn floor den + walkout to garden, 5 baths, fully fin. bsmt. Bring Offers! Judy Hendler 488-2875.

REDUCED, $595,000! OUTSTANDING
Yonge/St. Clair, complete reno!! Sun-filled family rm., walkout pool + deck. Move in! Maurice Gherson 488-2875.

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$555,000. 2-3 bdrm apts. Large lot + garage. Prime st. Donna Weiser/Jim Maguire 226-1987.

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Estate sale. 3 bedroom, main flr den, family room, kitchen. Susan Slater/Rosalie Roebuck 488-2875.

WOODLAWN WEST — BRING AN OFFER!
South side of a prime street. 5 bedrooms, fully fin. bsmt, fantastic city view. Judy Hendler 488-2875.

1ST AD! NEW LISTING! FOREST HILL!
Grand 3 stry home on 43 x 130 ft. lot! Fabulous open 3rd flr. with multiple skylights + sundeck! Single grge. $549,000. Cathy Kwinter 488-2875.

POWER OF SALE BATH/LONSMOUNT
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Charming family home, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, garage, priv. drive, immaculate condition. $479,000. Elaine Pike 488-2875.

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Tudor bungalow, 2 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, basement apt., private drive. Diane Plant 488-2875.

YONGE/SUMMERHILL, CHOICE S. LOT
High ceilings, stained glass, recreation rm. & bath on lower, 3 bedrooms. Judy Goldman 488-2875.

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The perfect home! Mint cond. Quiet cres. Tons of extras!! $389,900. Call now! Carol Wise 226-1987.

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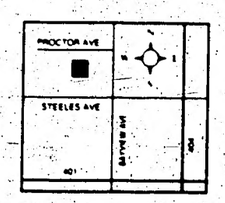

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LOWER VILLAGE
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3 Houses For Rent

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7 Condominiums For Rent

3000 Bathurst. Luxury 1 bedroom plus den. Underground parking. $1,025 monthly. Available July 1st. 787-4935, evenings 789-3169. 5173

10 Accommodation Available

Bathurst/Wilson - 1 bedroom basement. Reduced rent in exchange for light housekeeping duties. 783-6831. 5270

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12 Shared Accommodation

Yonge/Eglinton - Professional female to share 2 bedroom. Fully furnished. $425 monthly plus utilities. 363-9507, 489-6055.

Yonge/Sheppard- Fully furnished luxury 2 bedroom condo. In-suite laundry, dishwasher, microwave, air, pool, park. Immediate. Female non-smoker. $500. 223-8452. 5141

Female roommate wanted. Available immediately. Fully furnished. Yonge/Finch. Rent $400. 395-1544. 5142

Bathurst/Steeles - Person wanted to share furnished 2 bedroom apartment. Other bedroom used only for storage. $350. 636-9065. 5267

13 Apartments For Rent

Bathurst/Glencairn - Brand new, furnished 1 bedroom basement apartment. Separate entrance. Non-smoker. Immediately. 787-4154. 5276

Bathurst/Lawrence - 3 bedrooms, 1½ bathrooms. Close to everything. 787-4487. 5152

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Bathurst/Glencairn - 1 bedroom basement. Parking. Laundry. $495. 256-7986. 5210

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Lawrence/Marlee - 3 bedroom apartment. 2 bathrooms. Close to TTC. 787-1906. 5253

14 Apartments Wanted

Two bedroom apartment, for 3 weeks, from June 20 to July 9, for Israeli couple. Bathurst, Eglinton or Lawrence area preferred. 486-0587. 5281

19 Cottages For Rent

Lake Simcoe. Big Cedar Point. Lakefront cottage with sandy beach. 4 bedrooms. 447-0008 after 5pm. Weekends, 705-456-3606. 5254

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20 Cottages For Sale

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22 Cottages Wanted

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23 Florida Property For Rent

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24 Florida Property For Sale

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Century Village/Deerfield. Garden apartment. 1, 1½ condo. Enclosed terrace. 661-4370.

27 Israel Properties

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31 Industrial Commercial Space

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33 Vacation Properties

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Summer Crafts Program. Children ages 6-12. Four 2-week sessions. July/August. 882-8736.

Shomer Shabbos lady required for Chevra Kadisha. Call Mrs. Fishberg at 663-9060. 5291

Hockey and Baseball Camp. Weeks of August 19-23, August 26-30. Richmond Hill/ Thornhill area. 731-3031. 5295

39 Social Announcements

Sandra Lato (Umansky), Florida, and Jack Lato, Chicago, wish to announce the marriage of their son Stephen to Teri Aubrey, daughter of Janet and Frank Aubrey, Toronto. Couple residing in Florida. 5249

Wine-Wilks. Dr. Fred and Lynda Wine and Jerry and Gail Wilks are thrilled to announce the engagement of their children Robyn and Brian. Proud grandparents David and Mary Dale and Rae Wilks. 5237

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46 Employment Opportunities

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54 Personal Companions

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Bydloff, Polly on May 17, 1991, late of 127 Barse St.
Cadesky, Anna on May 16, 1991, late of 555 Sheppard Ave. W., #506.
Friedman, Mirla on May 18, 1991.
Gorodnitzky, Faull on May 17, 1991.
Grush, Sheiva on May 18, 1991, late of 33 Hahn Place., #209.
Kekes, Charles on May 14, 1991.
Magill, Judith on May 12, 1991.
Orlovski, Lea on May 18, 1991, late of 1700 Finch Ave. W., #212.
Rogers, Maurice on May 20, 1991.
Sone, Sonya on May 18, 1991, late of 84 Wembley Road.
Sweigman, Max on May 20, 1991, late of 57 Acton Ave.
Weisbrod, Esther on May 13, 1991.
Eisenstein, Ben on May 21, 1991, late of 22 Cavotti Cres.
Nirenberg, Miriam on May 23, 1991, late of 80 Antibes Rd., #103.
Rabinovich, Froiko on May 21, 1991, late of 542 Lawrence Ave. W.
Rosen, Leon on May 26, 1991, late of 370 Ridelle Ave., #603.
Ross, Manuel on May 25, 1991, late of 137 Simmons Blvd.
Skupsky, Joseph on May 23, 1991.
Stein, Ida on May 23, 1991, late of 3 Highbourne Rd.
Sultan, Sarah on May 22, 1991, late of 4266 Bathurst St., #305.
Weinberg, Dr. Benjamin on May 23, 1991, late of 69 Blue Forest Drive.
Wishnaik, Dvora on May 23, 1991, late of 6010 Bathurst St., #106.
Zaritsky, Bryna on May 23, 1991, late of 2050 Amherst Heights Dr., Burlington.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

55 Obituaries

William Shear on May 10/91, late of 6200 Bathurst Street #901.
Benjamin Burke on May 10/91, late of 585 Lawrence Ave. W.
Irwin Steinhart on May 11/91, late of 131 Torresdale Ave. #301.
Leonard Kay on May 9/91, late of 669 Roding St.
Sara Himelstein on May 10/91, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home.
Ellen Arthurs on May 10/91, late of 4 Deer Park Cres. #8 B.
Allan Hacker on May 11/91, late of 4 Sunflower Crt.
Lillian Gordon on May 11/91, late of 185 Strathearn Ave.
Ruth Mudrick on May 12/91, late of 27 Paperbirch Dr.
Philip Ginzel on May 13/91, late of 130 Neptune Dr. #802.
Eleanor Slater on May 12/91, late of 4001 Bayview Ave. #312.
Mary Otis on May 15/91, late of 4750 Bathurst St. #210.
Mildred Dickler on May 15/91, late of 65 Spring Garden Ave. #207.
Phillis Weisman on May 15/91, late of 77 Finch Ave. E.
Looba Zinger on May 16/91, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home. **Jay Jerome** on May 16/91, late of 734 Queen St. W. #8.
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Rose Weinberg on May 18/91, late of 28 Manadon Dr.
Edith Wengle on May 20/91, late of 118 Whitmore Ave.
Nathan Gorenkoff on May 20/91, late of 6030 Bathurst St. #1109.
Harry Goldberg on May 20/91, late of 133 Torresdale Ave. #2201.
Betty Ross on May 18/91, late of 122 Burndale Ave.

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56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Willie Martin** will take place on Sunday, June 9, 1991, 10:30am, at Dawes Road Cemetery, Temple Sinai Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5236

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Harry and Hilda Silverstein** will take place on Sunday, June 9, 1991, 10:00am, at Dawes Road Cemetery, Keltzer Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5239

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Regina Zurkowsky** will take place on Sunday, June 9, 1991, 12:45pm, at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Lodzer Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5190

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Grace Freedman** will take place on Sunday, June 9, 1991, 9:30am at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Stashover Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5203

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Henry Greenspan** will take place on Sunday, June 9, 1991, 11:30am, at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Stashiver Society Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 5004

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Isadore Frileck** will take place on Sunday, June 9, 1991, 10:00am, at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Shaarey Shomayim Section. Relatives and friends are invited. 5217

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Perry Howard Pearce ז"ל
beloved son, brother and uncle
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Community Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
TIBOR FABRI ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Saul Berman ז"ל
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Sunday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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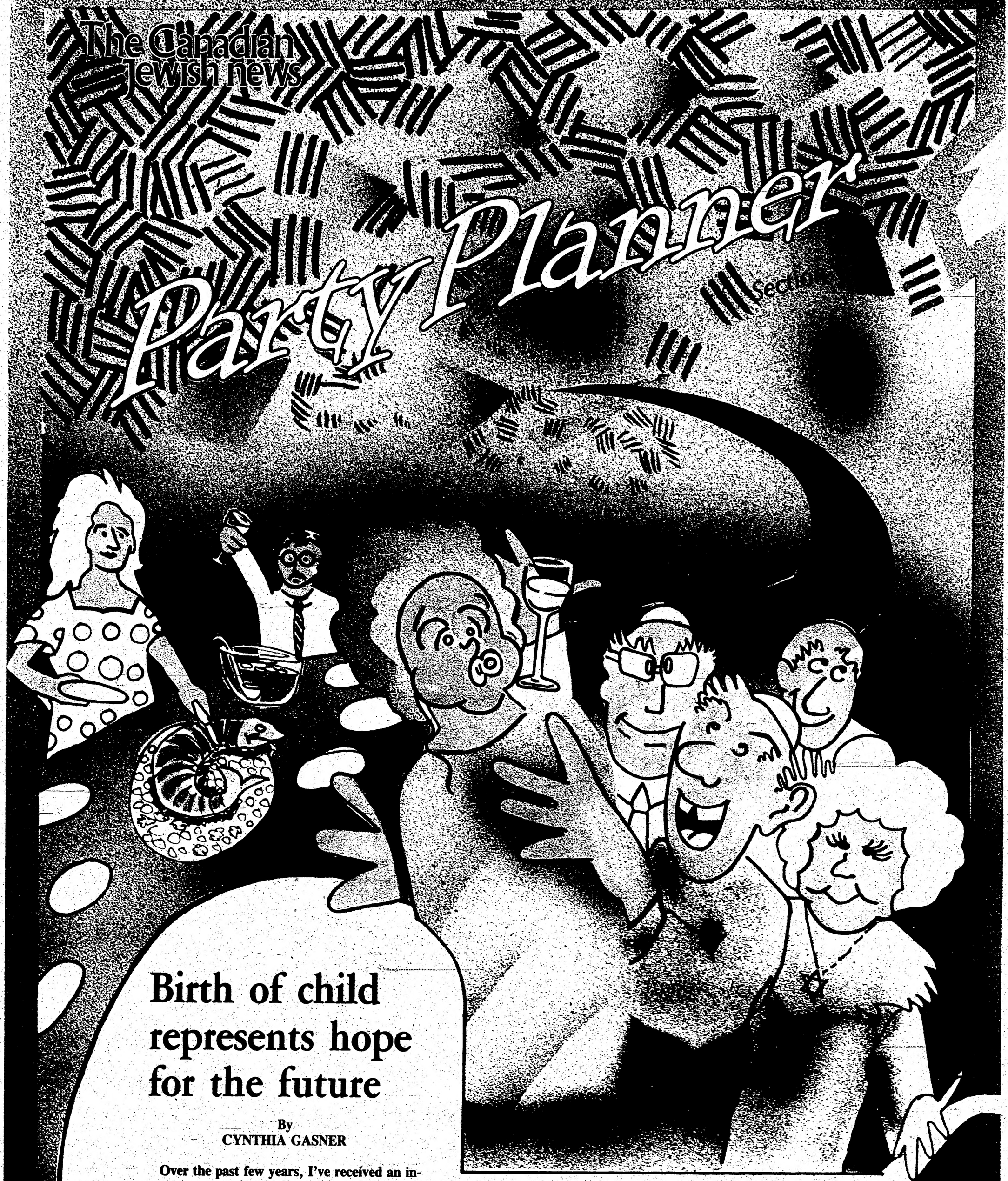

Birth of child represents hope for the future

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Over the past few years, I've received an increasing number of invitations to attend celebrations commemorating the birth of a child — the naming of a girl at the synagogue on the Shabbat following her birth, a *brit milah*, the naming of a boy as part of the circumcision which is performed eight days after the baby is born, and a *pidyon haben,* the redeeming of the son.

One of the greatest joys for a family is the birth of a new baby. To the new family the baby represents their hope for the future — to the Jewish people it is another Jew who will carry on the great traditions of Judaism.

Until recently, a new mother remained in the hospital for several weeks. The circumcision usually took place in a sterile-looking room at the hospital where the number of people who attended was limited. The new mother was unable to attend this ceremony or the naming of a girl at the synagogue.

With shorter stays in hospital after birth — often only a few days — it has now become the practice to hold these milestones in the family's life cycle at home or at the synagogue followed by a meal or a festive party. And more and more new mothers now attend these events. This gives family members and friends an opportunity to congratulate the parents and to wish them well.

The naming of a new baby represents the continuation of life from generation to generation. Names are a very important part of establishing who we are and even where the family came from. The name given by the parents is carefully selected according to Jewish naming customs which vary among different groups of Jews.

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Party Planner

Many request for splashy colors

Experts say fresh flowers are still a popular choice

By
FRANCES KRAFT

When deciding on flowers, the economic climate may be as important an influence on your choice as any proverbial April showers.

"Don't let someone pressure you into something you can't afford," says Joann Hammond, owner of Garrett Florists (488-3181). Even on a minimal budget, she assures customers that arrangements can be tastefully done.

Hammond notes that today's older bride prefers a cleaner, streamlined look in her bouquet, with fewer flowers used in more interesting ways. She also sees increasing requests for "splashy" colors such as peaches, hot pinks, reds and purples, which are being used together.

To ensure that bouquets will be appropriate, Hammond needs a good idea of what the bride's dress looks like. It's not enough to ask whether the dress is slim or full, she says. She also inquires about the style of the neckline and sleeves, and the location of any beadwork on the dress. Hammond discourages customers from choosing a bouquet style that conflicts with the style of their dress.

Availability of flowers is not usually a problem. Most flowers are readily obtainable year-round, although local growing conditions may affect availability at the beginning or end of the growing season, she says. In that case, she sometimes uses a mix of fresh and silk flowers.

Fresh flowers are still the most popular choice, but if silk flowers are properly designed, maintains Hammond, you can't tell the difference.

Hammond also carries a new line of chemically preserved flowers called "For Keeps." They are flexible and look very realistic, she says. They are more expensive than either fresh or silk flowers, but as their name implies, they provide a lasting memento for anyone who doesn't want to throw a bouquet.

One longtime trend in the flower business is the consistent popularity of lilies, particularly in bridal bouquets, according to both Hammond and Karen Baker, of Designs by Karen Baker (886-8100). Baker describes the large, white Casablanca Lily as "the Rolls Royce of lilies, pricey but exquisite." (Prices range from $9 to $15 a stem, depending on the season, said Baker.)

In the past decade, Baker has seen a shift in floral styles from the tropical look to a softer, more romantic style. A lot of her customers like a full, chintzy, country garden look, although individual preferences range from wild to romantic and fun to formal, which allows her to be more creative. "I try to do new things all the time," she says.

Baker has incorporated pillars, balloons and hand-painted linens into her arrangements. She also searches out *chachkes* (novelty decorations) and unusual containers to add a special touch. Lately she has been wrapping a lot of containers in fabric to coordinate with the table linens.

For customers wishing something unusual, she suggests they order early. Some customers will plan with her a year before their event; others wait until the last minute. She has put together floral arrangements for a 700-guest party on a week's notice, but prefers to be contacted earlier.

This Garrett Florists arrangement clearly outlines the current floral trends with splashes of color.

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Party invitations can be plain or glitzy

By FRANCES KRAFT

Invitations these days run the gamut from plain and simple to oversize and glitzy, but the majority of hosts are opting for something "simple yet elegant, not too busy and not too outlandish," according to Karen Segal of Invitations RSVP (497-7793).

Price is also a consideration for an increasing number of her clients. Segal carries a selection of Canadian and American catalogues, and in a number of cases there are "very close replicas" of American invitations, which are Canadian-made and less expensive.

Segal advises hosts to start looking at invitations about six months before the event. It can take three to four weeks to get the invitations after they are ordered, and she always shows clients a proof before the invitations are printed, to ensure that they will be error-free.

Segal has noted that some invitations are now printed on recycled paper, reflecting concern for the environment. Prices are comparable to those for invitations on non-recycled paper. She hasn't had any inquiries from clients about recycled paper.

A & D Invitations (731-5864) has provided recycled paper invitations for at least one simcha "because the bar mitzvah boy wanted them," according to Mark, A & D's owner, who prefers not to use his surname for business purposes. Perhaps this is the beginning of a trend in invitations.

In addition to the usual varied selection, A & D carries a line of lighthearted bar and bat mitzvah invitations with artwork depicting the child's interest. "It's very popular in the U.S.," says Mark, and is starting to interest clients here as well. There is a selection of stock drawings, such as a tennis player, a trumpet player or a boy wearing a tallis, but customized artwork is also available.

It's hard to pinpoint trends, say those in the invitation business, because there's such variety in personal taste, as well as in what is available. You can still order a very simple invitation printed in black on a cream paper, or you can opt for sparkles, fabric bows, jewel colors and shiny paper. Even if you find it relatively easy to select an invitation, it may take some time to choose a typestyle. A & D has a catalogue showing 128 typestyles in English and 20 in Hebrew.

Mark recommends allowing plenty of time to familiarize yourself with the invitations that are available.

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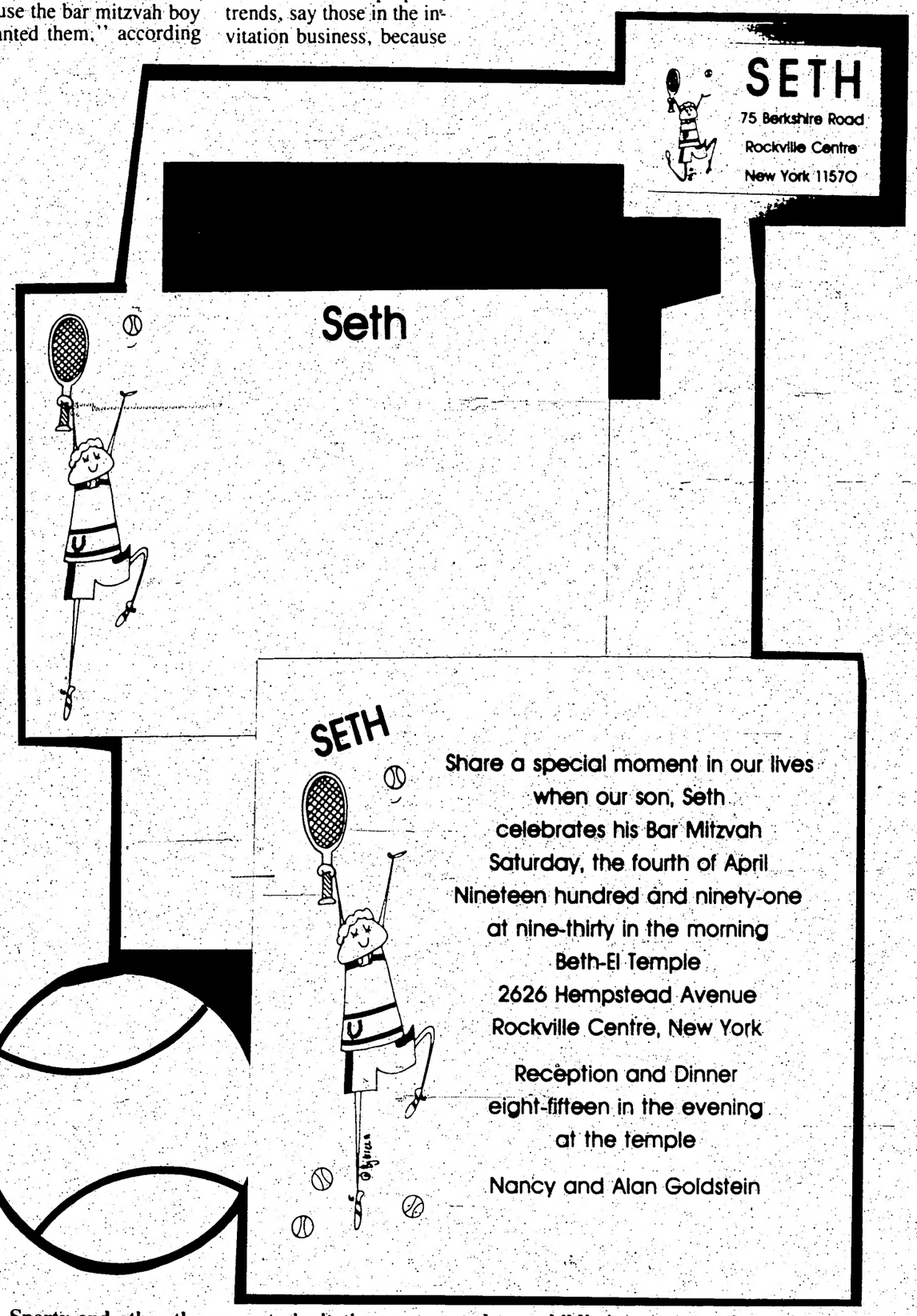

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Two long-married couples share stories of matrimony

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

Max and Sadie Rubin of Toronto recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

It seems that over the past two decades or so the status of marriage as the ultimate term of endearment has lost much of its lustre.

The marriage breakdown rate in North America has skyrocketed during this period. Growing up 20 years ago, many children had barely even heard of divorce. Today it is often harder for kids to list off names of friends whose parents are still together than those whose marriages has broken down.

Most agree that the decline of the once strong stigma against divorce brings with it some positive aspects. In the past, bad matches often stayed together to avoid the social ostracism that could result. Much suffering resulted for the principals of a bad marriage and those who were close to them.

But there is also a strong feeling among many that social acceptance of divorce and separation has given people less incentive to work at and overcome the frictions inherent when two individuals join in matrimony. There is a strong feeling that the pendulum has swung too far and marriage has been given a bad rap.

To try and present an alternative view, The CJN spoke to two long-married couples who have recently celebrated milestones of marital longevity. The interviews with these two couples, whose cumulative years together number 110, prove without a doubt that the institution of holy matrimony still has its staunch proponents.

Eugene and Maria Winter met at a party in Hungary. He was immediately struck by her "beautiful, smiling face." In early May the pair celebrated 60 years together, 60 years during which their love for each other overcame tremendous obstacles. Yet judging from the looks on their faces at the party celebrating their achievement, they could be newlyweds.

Eugene was an instrumental part of the Hungarian underground during the Second World War. He was separated from Marie and son Gabriel for more than two years and was given special dispensation from occupation general Leonid Brezhnev to find his family at war's end.

Even then the fighting wasn't over for Eugene. He fought for Israel's creation as an officer in 1948. "We didn't even have uniforms then," he says proudly.

Son Andy was born just after the war, and the family emigrated to Canada in the early 1950s. The Winters quickly became leaders of the Hungarian Jewish community here. In 1956 Eugene formed the

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50th wedding anniversary celebration a surprise

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first congregation and brought over Rabbi Zagon, who has been the spiritual leader of the Toronto Hungarian Jewish community in the 35 years since.

More than 100 people arrived to pay respects to the Winters at an anniversary party held at their home on a beautiful May Sunday. Under a chupah in the backyard, Rabbi Zagon conducted a blessing for the couple that has brought so much strength and joy to their community.

"It was a fantastic day, a beautiful party," says son Andy. "We expected 90 people and 108 showed up — there were so many who wanted to pay their respects to my parents."

Resplendent in tuxedo and a shimmering dress, the couple joyously greeted the flood of guests. Pulled aside for a few moments, Eugene had no trouble expounding on the happiness his marriage has brought him.

"I love her the same today as I did 60 years ago. Every year has been special with this wonderful person. We have two wonderful sons and six grandchildren. We have had a very nice life together.

* * *

Sadie and Max Rubin's 50-year love affair got off to a less auspicious start. Lifelong Toronto dwellers, the pair met on a blind date, but not without much effort from Max.

Max and a friend both had dates one evening, but the two of them decided to switch and ask out the other's intended partner. Sadie would have none of it.

"Max phoned me and I said 'forget it'," she recalls. "I didn't want a blind date." But Max didn't give up that easily. "He kept phoning me until I agreed to go out with him. After that he never let me go."

But Sadie has no regrets. "We laugh together and we cry together. And if I don't yell at him once in a while he thinks I don't love him any more."

The Rubins celebrated their 50th anniversary with a surprise champagne brunch at the Skyline Hotel, with 100 guests on hand. Daughters Gail and Brenda and their respective husbands Lou Keston and Fred Stoppel pulled off the pleasant surprise — and it wasn't the first time.

"We were supposed to be going out to celebrate Mother's Day and our anniversary. As we walked into the Skyline, Max spotted someone he knew off in the corner. He turned to me and said, 'Sadie, I think they got us again.' I knew we were going to brunch, I didn't know there'd be 100 people there!" Similar surprises were in store for the Rubins on their 25th and 40th anniversaries.

Sadie and Max's daughters, husbands and six grandchildren Michael, Shaun and Elena Keston and Laurie, Natalie and Daniel Stoppel organized the clandestine event, complete with videographers and a huge cake that featured Max and Sadie's pictures drawn with icing.

Eugene and Maria Winter celebrate under the chuppa with family and friends.

Eugene and Maria Winter recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

"They did—a wonderful job, just perfect. There were people there I haven't seen in years," says Sadie.

Sadie is quick to tell you that a successful marriage takes lots of hard work, but is worth every effort. "There will always be times when things don't go the way you want. But love can overcome them. My advice to young people is to always try and remember why you got married in the first place — because you love each other. When you are angry, when you have problems, think about that. Too many people today at the first sign of trouble forget why they got married."

Sadie believes that young people today don't give marriage enough of a chance. But it's also true that many young people aren't blessed with the examples set by couples such as the Winters and the Rubins.

Growing up in an atmosphere of love and witnessing the happy marriage of parents, gives children a strong schooling in the art of staying together. Max and Sadie's eldest daughter Gail has been married for 27 years, the youngest Brenda will reach 17 years in July.

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Party tents are not just for summer, expert says

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

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Gary Rollerson, a manager at Pike's (789-7811), a business that rents tents and awnings, says that tents are "ideal for any occasion. They can be equipped with dance floors, canopies, carpeting, decorative lighting, tables and chairs, heaters, platforms, public address systems and even a garden."

He says that tents are available in a wide range of colors from yellow to red to pink and come in sizes from 100 sq. ft. to 50,000 sq. ft. "They are really versatile, for any size party, to match most color schemes and for all types of events."

Rollerson stresses that whereas many people tend to think that tents lend themselves to a summer party "they are fully seasonal. In the winter we install walls, carpeting and heaters and guests don't know how cold it is outside."

Choose colors

He adds that on rainy or blustery days a canopy, which acts as a walkway, can run from the house to the tent so guests do not have to walk outdoors at all.

He says that some people use the tent as an extension of their party while others use it for the entire event. "When there are speeches involved we suggest that the whole party be held in the tent so that hosts do not have to start gathering everyone together when the speeches are ready to begin."

As for decorating, Rollerson says that his firm does supply decorations but will also work with others such as florists to put the whole package together. "If we're putting together a wedding many people want to deal with their own florists, and this is fine."

The color scheme for the party depends entirely on the hosts. "People choose their color schemes for various reasons. Some want it to match the house, others the landscaping and still others just like a certain color and want it as the theme for the party. Whatever is chosen we can co-ordinate tables and chairs and any inside decorations," says Rollerson.

Shown here is Corey Mandell, who, in conjunction with Its Your Affair, is decorating a disco for a party.

He says that tent rental companies can be there to make all the arrangements for the party or merely make certain recommendations. "Its really up to the hosts, how much they want to do themselves and how much they would like us to do."

He adds that any type of party can be created in a tent. "The only limitation there is to a tent is our imagination."

If your backyard does not lend itself to a tent and you do not want your party in a synagogue, hotel or at home, a rental hall may be just the answer.

Julius Saul, owner of Its Your Affair, (882-7832) a firm that provides a hall and all the trappings for parties says that "those on a budget will be wise to look into a rental hall. Parties can be put together for a lot less than a catered affair in a hotel or synagogue."

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Recycled gift wrap and cards

"Green" party products are new to the industry

By
PETER VAMOS

With world attention focused on the environment, individual households are trying to do their part to keep the world green. People are discovering that even when making party purchases it is still possible to be environmentally conscious.

Yet these products are still in the very early stages of development and acceptance says Susan Jacobson, president of Dove Tale Collections of Ottawa ((613) 746-6698) whose company began offering its line of recycled gift wrap and greeting cards only three months ago.

"At this point there are still a lot of people who, although they realize its importance, are still not willing to put their money where their mouth is," Jacobson says.

Because the industry is so new and recycled products are often a little more expensive, it does not make sense to the consumer to buy paper products that cost more, she says.

"Certainly the technology is improving, and the market is growing and that is starting to bring the price down. So you're going to see more and more recycled products out on the market."

One party item that is both cheaper and environmentally friendly is the latex balloon. Bill Koby, a representative of Balloons Unlimited of London (1-800-265-5425), recommends the bio-degradable latex balloon over the more commonly used and expensive mylar balloons.

Consumer demand is on the increase

"It is hard to find something bio-degradable that can be brightly colored and holds helium." Koby says. "That is the advantage of latex."

Koby, who has been involved in some massive balloon releases, including the one that took place in Vancouver during Expo, does not worry about small parties where mylar balloons may be used. It is larger parties where balloon releases are part of the celebrations that worry him.

"It is like taking large amounts of garbage and throwing it out on the street," he says. It is for these parties that he strongly suggests the latex balloons.

Yet Koby does not see any more major advances in the environmentally-friendly balloon because it is not a major issue. "Without serious consumer demand it is not worth developing any new products."

David Hertzman, president of Progress Packaging Ltd. of Toronto agrees. Progress Packaging (638-1221) manufactures and distibutes a wide range of environmental party products like bags and gift boxes.

Two years ago they began receiving requests for recycled packaging material. They went to the United States to see what kind of products were available and began marketing their own environmental product line.

"Until a few years ago consumers did not want recycled material because they felt it was less dependable," Hertzman says. "But world demand is increasing due to the environment."

Today, not only are the rougher, recycled materials more acceptable, they are in demand, he says.

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Party Planner

Dressed-up tables finish a room

New product tranforms chairs into works of art

By
FRANCES KRAFT

Take something as utilitarian as tables and chairs, decorate them for all they're worth, and you can transform the room where your party is being held.

The newest thing to hit the Canadian market are chair covers that can be rented from SculptChair (731-9217), run by sisters Mary Bien and Phyllis Rich. These covers are unique in several ways.

SculptChair covers cover the whole chair, not just the chair back. In addition to completely changing the look of the chairs and providing a clean surface to sit on, they eliminate stocking snags and runs caused by rough surfaces on chairs.

SculptChair covers are made from a two-way patented stretch fabric. It resembles the material used to make bicycle shorts, and fits any type of banquet or folding chair like a glove. Where the back meets the seat, however, the effect is more like a hammock, which increases the comfort of the chair.

Bien had seen the covers at a function in New York and liked them so much that she decided to rent them (from SculptChair in the States) for her daughter's bat mitzvah last November.

After seeing the reactions of the bat mitzvah guests ("People went nuts; they loved them"), Bien and Rich realized that they had "a great opportunity" to bring SculptChair into Canada. They bought the Canadian rights and will be manufacturing the covers in Toronto.

SculptChair will ship covers anywhere in Canada. Their service includes delivery and pick-up, and chair covers are laundered after each use.

The covers are delivered with an instruction sheet. They are easy to put on, and even a folding chair (which is more difficult because it moves) can be covered in under 15 seconds.

"It doesn't matter if the chairs are different colors or different shapes," says Bien. For a house party or a tent party, it's a novel way to unify an assortment of borrowed chairs.

Covers are available in white or black and contrasting bands (like large headbands) are available in a variety of colors to put around the back of the chair. Rental fees are $4.45 per cover, plus 50 cents per band, with a small extra charge for special orders, such as custom colors. Soon SculptChair will be able to put logos on the bands for business functions or conventions.

To complement dressed-up chairs, you need a dressed-up table. When setting a formal table, a good table cloth, fine crystal and china, and good silver make a big difference, says Bjorn Rasmussen, a professor in the hospitality course at George Brown College.

Napkins can be folded in different ways to enhance the look of the table. Rasmussen says that a fan-shaped fold is elegant, but he prefers a more elaborate fold that displays six points of the napkin in a manner similar to a fan but "even more elegant."

A company called SculptChair offers clients chair covers that totally alter the look of the room.

While it may be attractive to place a napkin in a glass, it is "extremely incorrect," according to Rasmussen. European-trained and "of the old school," Rasmussen explained that it is not sanitary for people to put their fingers in the glasses (when placing the napkins).

Flowers also enhance a table dramatically, says Rasmussen, but he cautions against using strong-smelling flowers so as not to affect the taste of the food. Candles add to the atmosphere as well, and like flowers, shouldn't be at eye level when guests are seated.

At George Brown College, where students run a formal dining room, table settings are traditional.

One trend in table setting that Rasmussen hasn't seen in Canada sounds charming. It was common in his native Denmark, he said, to decorate tables with small Royal Copenhagen figurines, fresh flowers and leaves placed right on the tablecloth. These were artfully placed and didn't completely fill the table. They were used as an adjunct to one or more traditional centrepieces, and would lend themselves well to a long table such as a sweet table at a wedding.

"It may come back," said Rasmussen of that style of table decor.

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Folding picnic table is a good gift for outdoor Dads

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

DUNNVILLE, ONT. — There is a perfect Father's Day gift for that special Dad who likes to cook and eat in the great outdoors.

Presenting ... the Easy-Store Picnic Table.

This new product is manufactured by a company called Van Kuren Enterprises. The owner, Gerald Van Kuren said the collapsible table has taken eight years to perfect.

This jack-of-all-trades said he used to get a kick out of how people tried to store their tables during the winter. He was determined to find an efficient, easy way take care of the problem.

He presented his finished product at the Spring International Home and Garden Show in March. To date, he has received orders from China and Germany, to say nothing of the hit the tables made in his own backyard.

Van Kuren has designed three kits for the consumer. The first is a package that contains all the hardware that is needed to break down a regular picnic table into a folding one.

He said the instructions tell the consumer how to take an existing table apart and reassemble the unit. This kit retails for $27.

When building from scratch, Van Kuren designed three models. The first is exactly like the normal picnic table. It is about six feet in length and the occupants have to step over the benches to sit down.

However, for those who are unable or prefer not to step over the benches, he designed a unit that allows the occupants to simply walk in from the end. These two models can come already assembled.

For large families, Van Kuren also designed a three-foot-long children's picnic table. Not only does this allow the children to sit separately from the adults, but the size is convenient for little ones.

Van Kuren said that the price for the units can range anywhere from $85 to $180. He added that anyone who requires a picnic table over six feet, may call to have one custom-made. Van Kuren asks that customers allow four to six weeks for delivery.

Due to the response, Van Kuren has recently expanded his company but the business is still maintained by the family.

He attributes the success of his table in part to the fact that retailers are able to accommodate a large order without taking too much room in the stores.

Likewise, with the overseas orders, Van Kuren said the tables are easy items for shipping and storing.

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Booth designs men's jewelry

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"The problem is that most men's jewelry is too opulent. It does not match the style that men have today or their attitudes towards themselves," Booth said.

The challenge that Booth set for himself was to design jewelry for men that was neither effeminate or gaudy and to reflect the generally understated tastes of North American men. The result is a small, carefully-edited collection of rings, cufflinks and tuxedo shirt studs that have a cool, masculine beauty.

"My aim was strength, balanced with simplicity," he said.

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Scenes set for theme parties can be custom-made

By JOSEPH SERGE

Why settle for a normal house party when you can party in the tropics without even leaving the city?

Paramount Sound (665-0803), Silverman Mandell Entertainment (756-7778) and other entertainment companies specialize in theme parties.

"Themes are our main source of business," said Willy Kozma of Paramount Sound. "We offer detailed, good quality custom themes."

Corey Mandell, who along with Todd Silverman, runs Silverman Mandell Entertainment, says Club Med parties are the most popular themes.

"We have eight 12-foot 3D palm trees to give it that tropical look," Mandell said. "We have miniature palm trees for the centrepiece and have people handing out leis," he said.

Kozma said Paramount could add background sounds of waves hitting the shore. "We fill up the dancefloor with sand, and send invitations looking like airline tickets to Club Med."

Other popular themes are New York, casino, murder mysteries and Batman themes.

One of the strangest themes Mandell has done is an under the sea theme. "It was weird," he said. "We had black lighting, big fish suspended from the ceiling and a bubble machine. It was just like being underwater."

Whether you want a popular theme or a custom made theme, both Paramount and Silverman Mandell can accommodate you.

But what makes companies like these worthwhile is you don't have to deal with anyone else.

"Paramount is the source of all your party needs," said Kozma. From DJs to catering to flowers, these one-stop entertainers have in-house professionals to take care of your needs.

You don't even need to rent a hall as both companies provide you with their own banquet halls to party in.

Kozma claims Paramount's new facility Paparazzi is the "most hi-tech disco in Canada.

"We can turn any bar mitzvah into a disco," he said. It has laser lights suspended up to 20 feet above the ground, a video wall and $8 million of sound and light equipment.

Paramount has 12 well-known DJs and for a theme party Kozma suggests you call nine months in advance.

Mandell says another attraction Silverman Mandell provides is a laser karaoke where kids can watch a video of their favorite song and sing the lyrics which are shown on the screen. "It gets the kids involved," he says. "We also give them an audio or videotape recording of them singing," he said.

Silverman Mandell also has a video sign-in booth where guests can tape their own message to the bar mitzvah child. Mandell, who has been in the business for six years, suggests he be reached six months to a year in advance.

This carnival scene (above) by Paramount Sound is just one of many themes that the company can create. Silverman Mandell Entertainment runs the popular Club Med theme (bottom right) which requires a tropical setting for party guests.

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Chocolate centerpiece is to be smashed and eaten

By
FRANCES KRAFT

Edible centrepieces can not only beautify a table and appease a sweet tooth, but they may even engender new rituals.

Sandra Gordon of Finesse Chocolate (764-5985) creates "cakes" from half-inch-thick slabs of dark chocolate, mostly for bar and bat mitzvah sweet tables. The guest of honor uses a mallet to smash the chocolate, after which friends and relatives can partake of the confection.

The cakes have two layers and bear a message such as "Mazel Tov Daniel" written on top. Chocolate and white decorations range from traditional Jewish stars and a bar mitzvah boy with a Torah to thematic decorations that reflect the child's interests. Gordon will also work with the florist and decorate the cake with flowers so that it coordinates with the decor.

The idea for this type of cake originated with a customer of Gordon's about four years ago, and "is becoming very popular." She even created one stunner of a cake, adorned with ribbon and flowers, for a wedding. That cake was left intact, presumably to be frozen after the wedding.

The Belgian chocolate that Finesse uses would keep a long time in the freezer, says Gordon, and even when it eventually loses its fresh appearance, would still be good for making mousse or baking. A chocoholic's dream — not to mention the fact that it's kosher.

Lollipops instead of candles

A set of chocolate lollipops can serve as part of a different type of centrepiece, providing a new twist to an old ritual. The lollipops are used in a similar way to candles in the old candle-lighting ceremony. The advantage to the lollipops is that they may be used at a Shabbat luncheon without causing any laws of Jewish observance to be broken.

Glasses overflow with treats

Another clever way of using lollipops is as part of a centrepiece at a kids' table. The lollipops are imprinted individually with the guests' names, enabling each child to find his or her own lollipop and eliminating hassles over who gets what.

Finesse also provides centrepieces in decorative containers incorporating chocolates, nuts and candy. Prices start at around $25.

Richard Winkler of Happy Days (789-4438), says that people like edible centrepieces because they're "something different inexpensive and sort of elegant at the same time." Besides, "people like to nosh."

Winkler's creative flair is evident in a black top hat filled with popcorn, topped by five balloons with the bar mitzvah boy's name painted on them. This centrepiece, at $12, is among his more modestly priced table decorations.

Renting (instead of buying) centrepiece containers is another way to cut costs. "A lot of our baskets have 20 coats of paint on them," says Winkler.

In addition to painting baskets to match your color scheme, Winkler is happy to make up a sample centrepiece at no obligation to the customer.

Customers often have a theme in mind, but aren't sure exactly what they want. "What can you do with champagne glasses?" Winkler was asked recently. The sample centrepiece he created using three candy-filled glasses was festive, frothy and elegant with a shiny Mylar base, a chocolate rose, balloons and more Mylar, both shredded and in bow form.

"We love theme parties," said Winkler. Some themes he has worked with are music themes, filling little jukeboxes with candles, and movie night, using bags of popcorn, spools of film and figurines of classic film stars such as Humphrey Bogart and W. C. Fields in the centrepieces.

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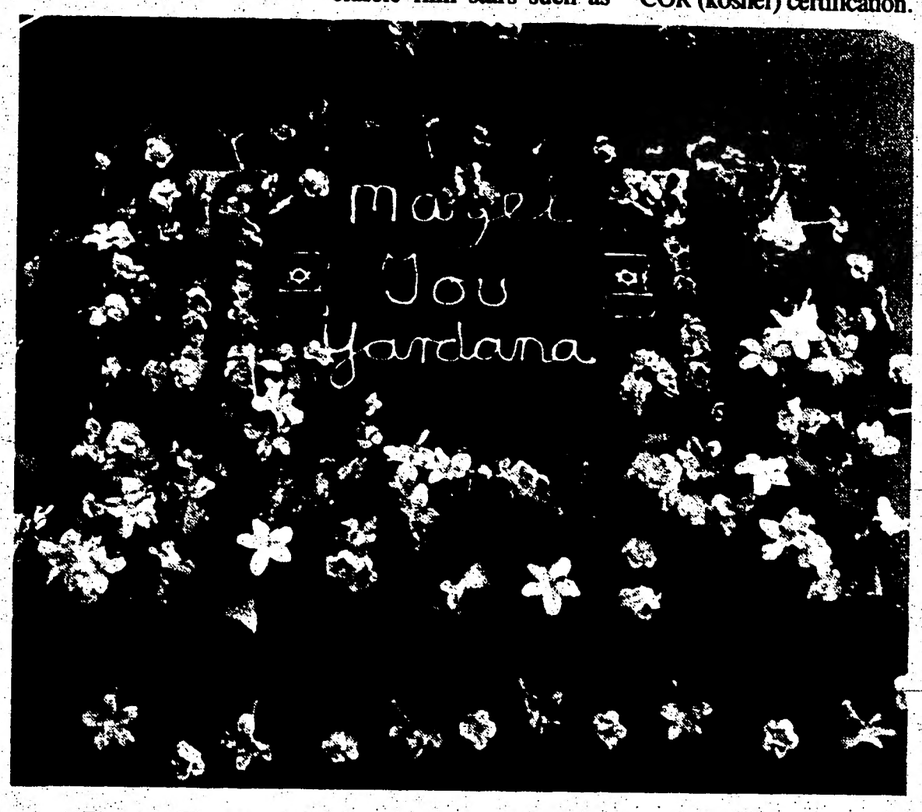

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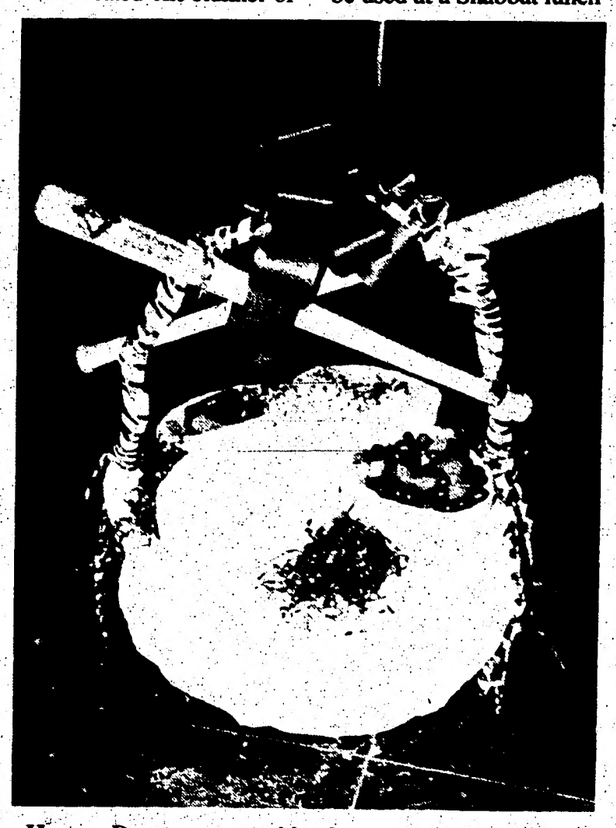

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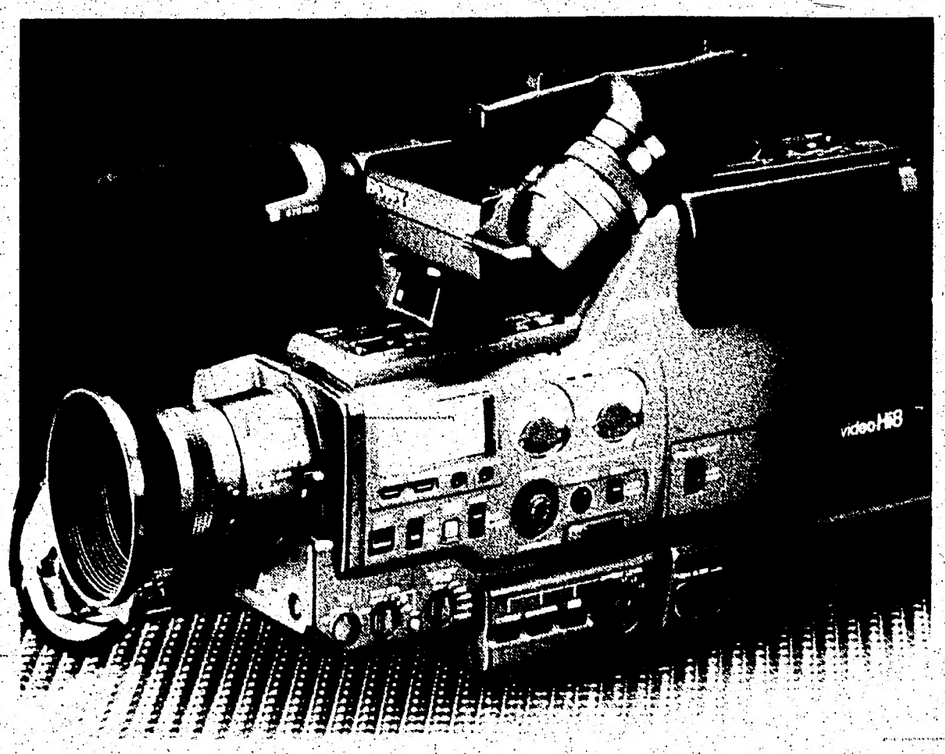

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With video technologies changing more rapidly than the seasons, families are finding that certain decisions have to be made when hiring a videographer to record special events.

Although people want to use the most modern processes and technologies available, they must keep in mind that these can sometimes look dated after only a few years.

Leon Khasminsky, of Concord Producers Inc. (660-7533), suggests less special effects when he videotapes a party.

"Due to changing developments, good, professionally shot video with less special effects is going to look better," Khasminsky says.

Khasminsky, who has been a documentary filmmaker for the past 12 years, uses a custom-built, super VHS cam-recorder when he shoots weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and other events.

To use his services, Khasminsky says it will cost from $850-$1,400, depending on the complexities of the production. At the higher ranges he will record in a variety of different locations, employ props and sophisticated computer graphics and use multiple cameras to record the event.

If people are looking for something a little simpler and less expensive, Norm Gelman, of Artistic Video (580-3500), says he has the perfect set-up.

Subtle approach

Gelman, whose prices range between $575-$725, is responsible for the whole production himself, from filming and in-camera effects to post-production and graphics. It all depends on what the customer wants.

Gelman also uses the most up-to-date equipment on the market and shoots all events on a Sony CCD V5000 High 8 Pro Cam-recorder, the most modern cam-recorder available, he says.

"People want to see more graphics," Gelman says. "In the old days it was 'just video,' but today they want the best equipment possible."

It bothers Gelman that many video producers are extremely obtrusive when taping a party. They use high powered, 2000-3000 watt lights, that often glare in peoples' eyes, he says.

Gelman prefers a more subtle approach by simply reflecting a 600 watt light off the ceiling. This is both less complicated and more considerate, he says.

With the addition of photographers, caterers, and entertainment, parties can often begin resembling a circus rather than a celebration. As costs become more extravagant, families begin to consider cutting back on a few expenses.

Yet with the modern technologies available, people are often compelled to record the event live and may went to choose between the videographer and the photographer.

Yet Gelman, who often works in close co-operation with photographers, does not see the videotape replacing portraits as the popular choice at these events.

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From cards to dollhouses to figurines

Collectible gifts please both the young and old

By
FRANCES KRAFT

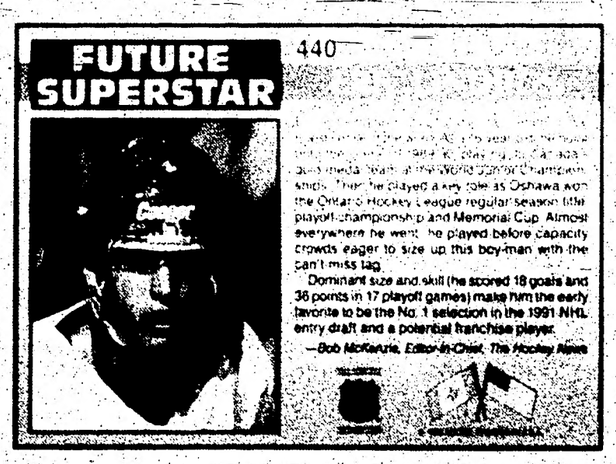
If you're looking for a gift with lasting appeal for a child or young adult something collectible may be the answer.

Probably nothing is hotter on the collectible market right now than sports cards, with baseball cards leading the way in popularity.

"These are the same cards that people used to play with and shoot against walls in the school yard," says Gary Barnartt, owner of Gary Sports Cards (633-9609). "Now kids are so aware of the [cards'] potential value that they don't do this any more."

Pictured here is a figurine, N'Grall the henchdragon, from The Chronicles of Krystonia series.

Barnartt, a social worker by profession who's "having much more fun" selling sports cards, tries to steer young collectors away from "worrying about what the stuff is worth." He would rather see someone buy a card depicting his (or, less frequently, her) favorite player, and enjoy it for that reason.



Gary Barnartt of Gary Sports Cards advises children to buy cards for the player and not for money.

It's hard to ignore the prices some of these cards fetch, however. A rare Honus Wagner card, dating back some 80 years, recently sold at a Sotheby's auction for $451,000 (U.S.) according to Barnartt.

Rock bottom prices for new issues are 50 cents to $1.50 for a pack of cards (with or without gum). There are cards in virtually every price range for gift givers, and some of the more valuable cards are sold mounted in lucite.

Rather than giving a specific card as a gift, Barnartt usually suggests a gift certificate, available in any denomination from $5 and up. "It's very difficult to buy a gift for a collector, unless you're sure of what they want." The fluctuations in value of any given card from one month to the next can also cause difficulties if the recipient wants to return a gift, he says.

For a collectible gift that can involve the whole family, dollhouses have stood the test of time. Collectible-quality dollhouses are appropriate for girls from about age nine or 10 and up, says Bob Hibbert, president and owner of Kitchener Imports (519-578-4550), a wholesaler of dollhouse kits. The kits are available

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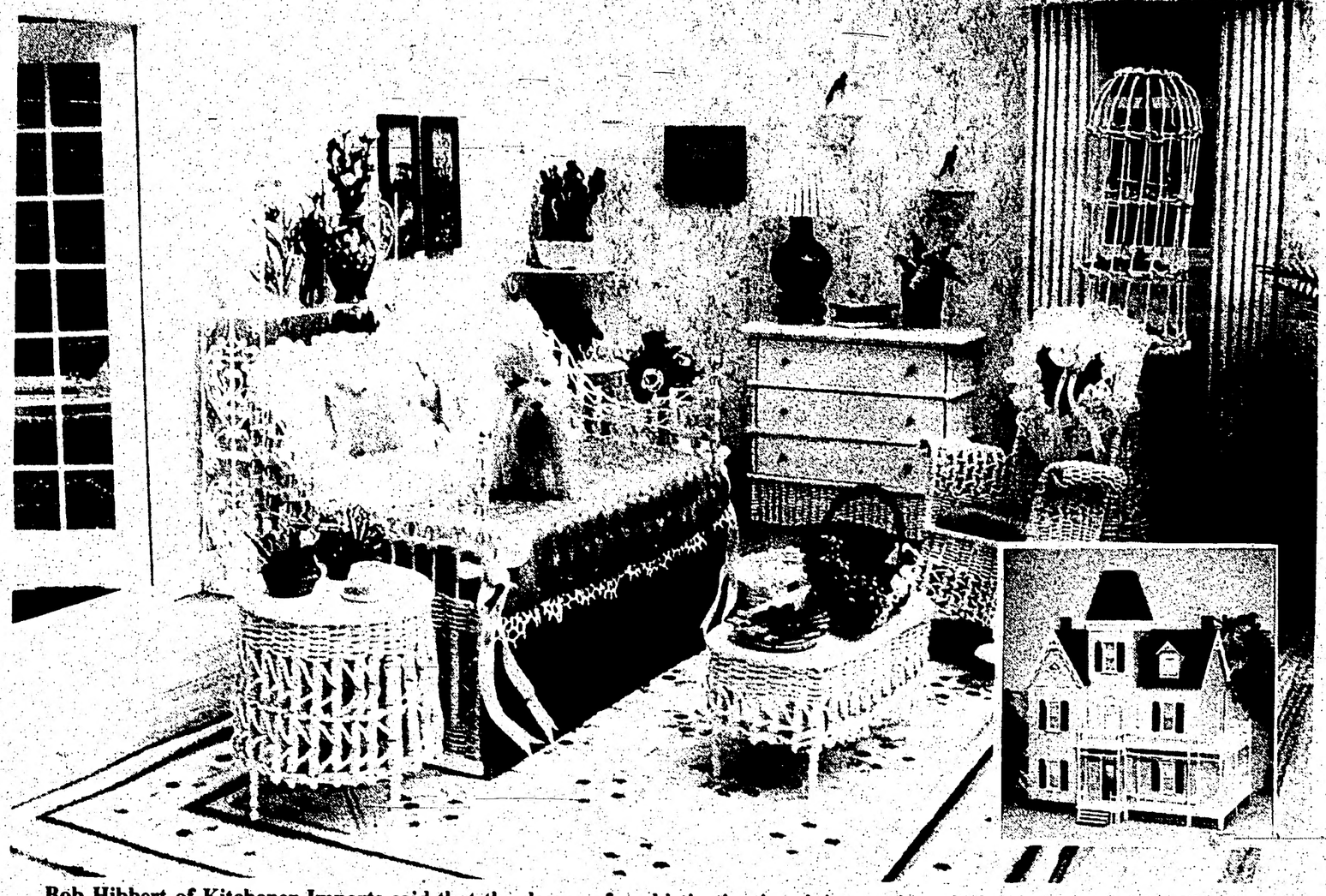

Bob Hibbert of Kitchener Imports said that the degree of sophistication in miniatures is such that in photographs, like the one pictured above, one would not know if the scene were real. The inset illustrates the exterior view of the dollhouse kit.

Decorative miniatures vary in sophistication

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in specialty stores across Canada.

The simplest dollhouse kits start at $35 to $40. After assembling the kits (this is when other family members often get involved) comes the pleasure of decorating the houses with accessories such as furniture, rugs, electrical lights and even wallpaper in a scaled-down pattern. The degree of sophistication in these kits is such that in photographs (if there are no dolls in the picture), "you would not know if it's real or not "says Hibbard.

Barbie dollhouses, a perennial favorite with the younger set are toys, not collectibles, says Hibbard, as there is no opportunity to build on them. Good news for Barbie aficionados, though: a series of Barbie dollhouses at the collectible level should be available in stores this fall, says Hibbard.

Collectible dolls and figurines in wood, pewter and ceramic are available at It's a Small World (941-9243).

Kids go crazy over Matroshka dolls, says Greg Botnick, owner of the store. Handpainted and madae wood, the traditional Russian nesting dolls come in sets of four to 10 dolls ranging in size from less than an inch to about 18 inches high.

A variation on the Matroshka dolls that might appeal to a politically aware teenager depicts various Russian leaders ranging from Mikhail Gorbachev on the largest doll down to Stalin (the smaller). Their size reflects the chronological order of their leadership. The dolls are made on the black market, as it is illegal in Russia to depict government leaders in a humorous or derogatory fashion, explained Botnick.

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Guest's age determines mix of music

DJ services are an alternative to bands

By
JOSEPH SERGE

A party isn't a party without music and especially during this hard economic time, it makes sense to hire a disc jockey.

"DJs can simulate the sound of a live band without all the people, so it's less expensive," said Bruce Citren of North American DJ Service (750-3750).

"It costs one-tenth of what it costs to get a band," said Harold Offenheim of Celebration Disc Jockey Services (881-0240). "Plus DJs are more up to date. We can buy a song that's just come out, whereas a band has to take the time to learn it."

When looking for the right DJ for your party, the most important thing is to find out what music they play.

"If your guests are under 30 you want your DJ to play more current and standard songs like *Old Time Rock and Roll*," Offenheim said. "If they're older you want one who plays '40s and '50s songs like *In the Mood* and *Hot, Hot, Hot!*" At a bar mitzvah, he said, he always throws in a hora or two.

Citren said you must make sure the DJ meets your expectations. "You have to know whether you want the DJ to just spin records or whether you want him to be master of ceremonies as well." Citren said you should also check to see if the DJ is registered with the Canadian Disc Jockey Association or the Audio-Visual Licensing Agency.

Request songs

Offenheim encourages his three DJs to keep quiet during the party. "A DJ should just play good music. A DJ who talks could ruin a party.

"Unless it's a kids party, then in addition to playing songs for kids, you want them to have contests with prizes. We like to watch the kids having fun."

Both Celebration and North American are happy to take requests. "It is rare that we can't accommodate them," Citren said. "If we can't, we have another song by the same artist."

Citren and his seven DJs have over 5,000 songs from classical to broadway to rock and everything in between. "We always try to stay on top of things by getting recordings of the current top 30 chart and club songs."

Citren has been in the business for three years and suggests you call at least three months in advance.

Offenheim finds when the party has a mixed group, the older people leave early so he tries to balance the music through the course of the evening. "We may start off early with '50s medleys and mix in some dance songs, later we tend to play more dance songs, keeping a mix of fast and slow songs".

Offenheim has three DJs in Celebration Disc Jockey Services and has been in the business for 10 years.

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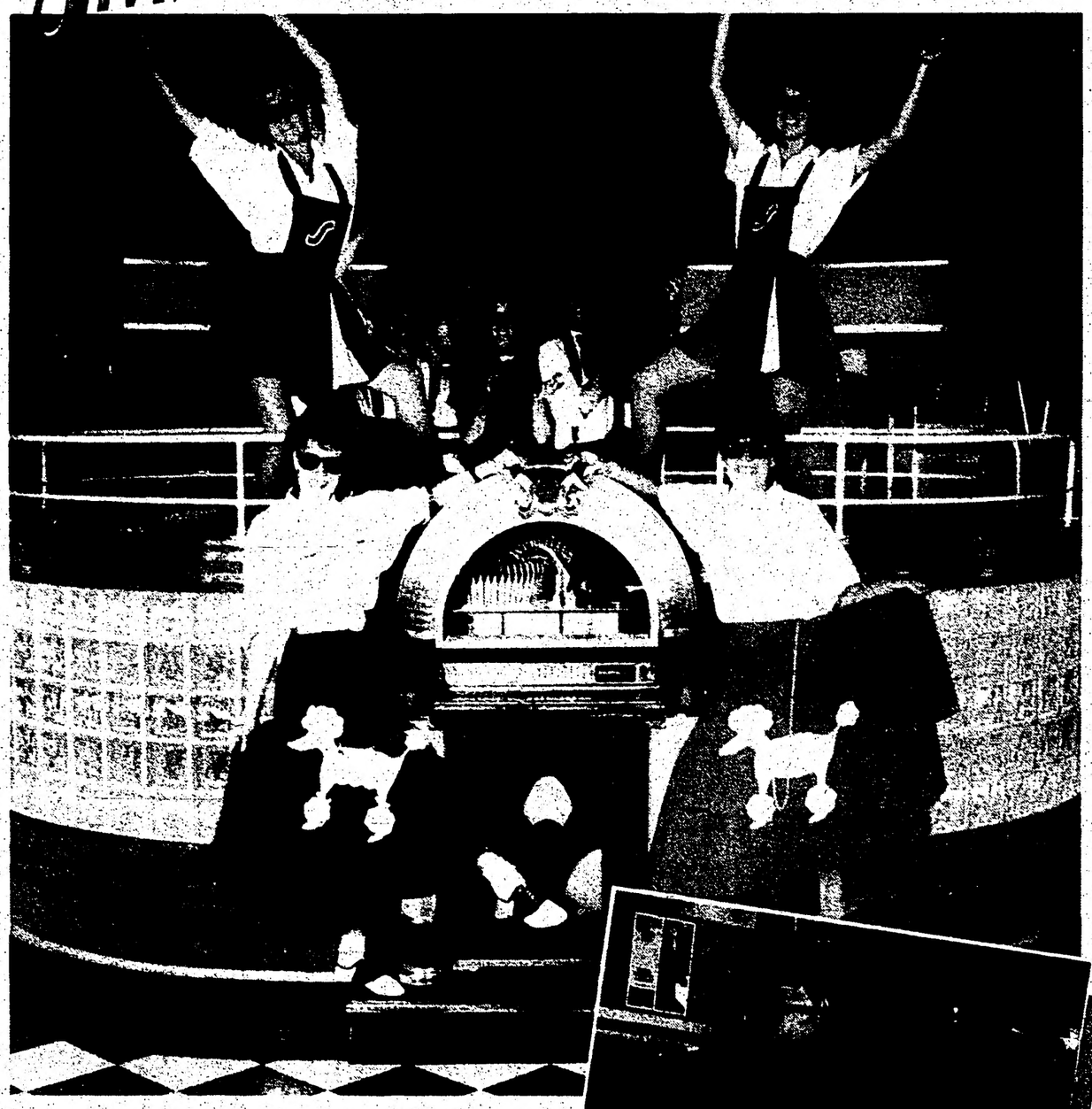

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Bands create atmosphere at parties

By JOSEPH SERGE

If you are looking for the right band, Rena Gaile suggests seeing as many bands as possible.

The aim of any party, be it a wedding, bar mitzvah or anniversary, is for the guest to have fun. If the guests are dancing and singing, you can be sure of one thing: the entertainment is lively.

A good band can make all the difference in the world.

"A large band has a lot of energy and creates excitement," said Roslyn Ordel, singer of 42nd Street (441-1555). "When you have eye contact something happens that can't happen with a DJ. Anything can happen, it's very spontaneous."

There are many bands in Toronto offering music to suit various budgets and tastes. So how can you decide which one is best for you?

"Go see as many bands as possible," said Rena Gaile, singer and leader of her band (269-6737). "It's a question of personal taste. Look at the presentation of the band. See how long they take their breaks and how loud they play."

When seeing a band keep in mind that the music that evening may be tailored to a different taste than you want. Don't judge the band right away.

Danny Pollak, of Danny Pollak and the Select Band (731-7585) has an alternative. "When a customer calls me, I show them a videotape of the band," he said. "If they like the music we can negotiate a price."

Gaile says it's important to talk to the band before the event. "When you go see a band you should take into account it's catering to someone else's taste," she said. "Ask as many questions as you need, don't be embarrassed," she said. She notices many people who come up to her are shy and at a loss for words. "Ask, ask, ask. Make a list of things that are important."

Most bands normally sit with you before the event and discuss the playlist for your party. It's important to know what you're looking for.

"The composition of your audience is important when deciding what songs you want," said Les Zaiser of More or Less (773-6163).

"At a party there is an assortment of mature adults, adults, and young people," Zaiser said. "A band has to provide a cross-section of music to suit the composition of the audience." Zaiser normally plays lighter music at first, then as the older people start to leave he plays rock 'n' roll.

Stress musical variety

"A variety of material is important," he said. Knowing the feel for the evening comes from experience. "The band has to be part of the audience."

Versatility is also important because sometimes things don't go the way they're planned.

"A good band is able to cut a song short and do a complete change if necessary," said Gaile. "To make an evening flow properly you have to key in on what is working with the crowd. A good band gets everyone involved."

How a band pleases the crowd is the measure stick by which a band should be judged.

"The music has to be melodic. You want to see the people tap their feet and move to the music," said Ordel. "If the crowd is happy then the client is happy and then we're happy."

Being versatile allows the band to take requests. But even the best band cannot know every single song.

"If I don't know the song I ask the person to hum the melody," Pollak said. "Then during the break we learn the song.

"There is no such thing as a musician not knowing a song," he said.

Sometimes compromise is necessary.

"If we don't know a requested song, I will suggest two or three other songs by the same artist," Zaiser, who encourages requests, said. "The response from the audience could change our format. I enjoy seeing the audience have a good time."

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Ofra Hazah is one of the many stars with whom the Select Band, led by Danny Pollak pictured here on the drums, has accompanied.

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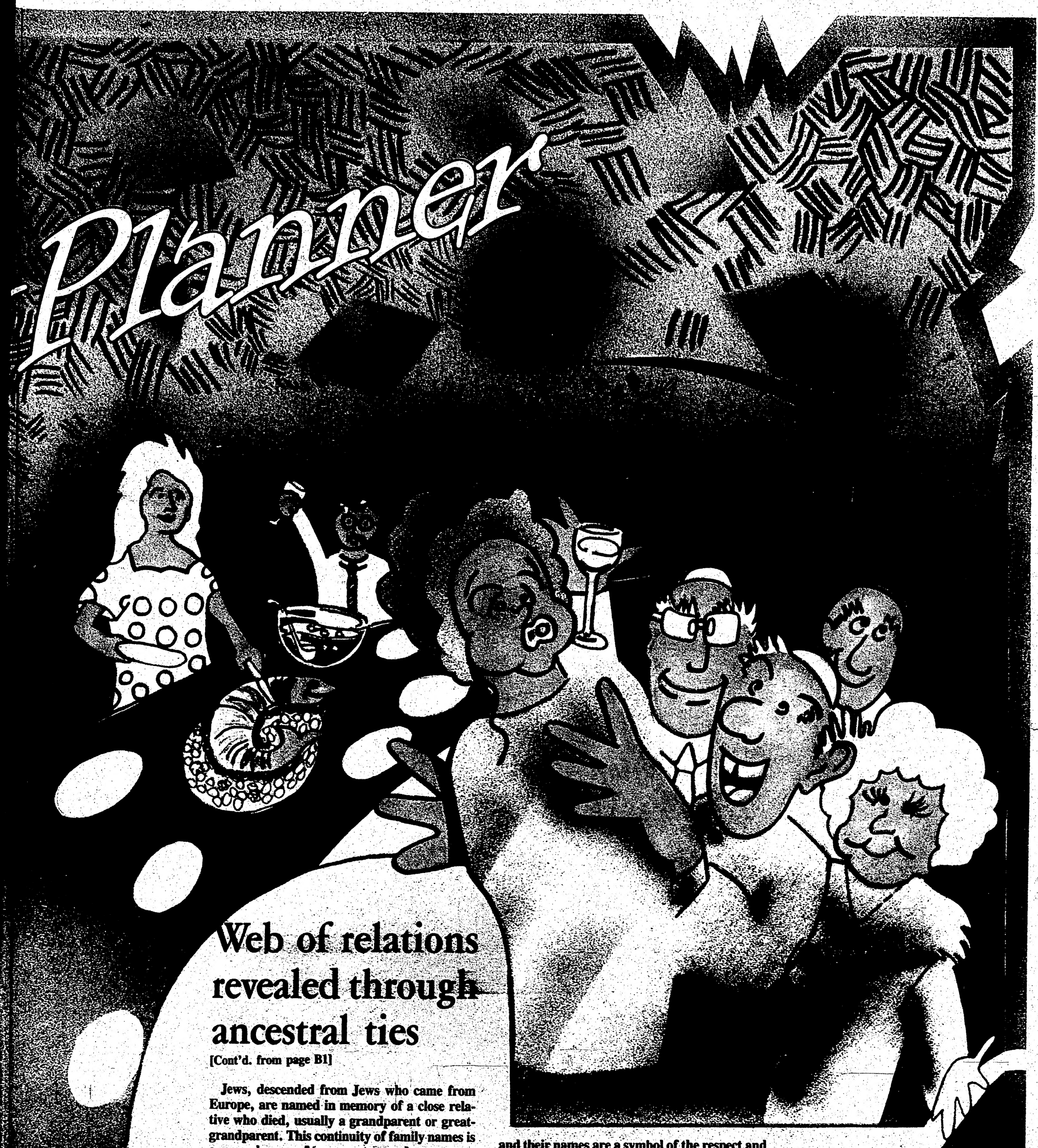

Web of relations revealed through ancestral ties

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Jews, descended from Jews who came from Europe, are named in memory of a close relative who died, usually a grandparent or great-grandparent. This continuity of family names is a remembrance of our ancestors and perpetuates that name from one generation through to the next.

Oriental or Sephardic Jews usually name their children after a close living relative, but not the parents. The growing custom in Israel is to name a child for a specific event, a place or a flower.

Along with the Hebrew name, Jewish children are linked to parents with *ben* (son of) or *bat* (daughter of) followed by the first name of the father. This is the name by which a person is called to the Torah for an aliya. Today, in some temples, the practice is to call a person to the Torah by following *ben* or *bat* with the mother's name or both the mother's and father's names.

We are linked to the patriarchs and matriarchs and their names are a symbol of the respect and reverence that we hold for those who carved out moral and physical pathways for us.

By perpetuating these names we express our gratitude to them and to our relatives, for their teachings, guidance and perseverance to survive — despite overwhelming obstacles.

Whenever we have the privilege to host or to be a guest at the ritual naming and welcoming of a new baby into the fold, along with enjoying the lox and bagels and other delicious offerings, this provides us with an opportunity to reflect on the miracle of life and the survival of our people.

Through these rituals, we gain strength from our collective past and we express our optimism for our continuation as a people.

The spirit permeated by the words *mazel tov* and *l'chaim* at these simchas, are a testament to our joy in welcoming a new child and to the strengthening of our covenant.

Party Planner

Consider the stage presentation

Book musical bands early to avoid disappointment

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Basic stage presentation is also important.

"A band should be dressed appropriately for the occasion," Gaile said. "If it's a black-tie affair the band should be dressed right. If it's a beach party, they should be more casual."

Pollak emphasizes versatility. After all his band sings in 13 languages including English, Russian, Iranian, Hungarian and Hebrew. But apart from traditional music, his Select Band can play big band (Frank Sinatra and Glen Miller) and today's top 40.

"You have to be up to date," Pollak said. "You're useless to your customer unless you are."

Although booking a band at the last minute is not impossible, it is best to book in advance. The best bands are booked early, and besides it's the last thing you want to worry about as that special day approaches.

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This wedding gown, done in white with gold accents, was designed by Hildegarde Sausik (966-0816). She cited popular bridal wear trends such as the traditional basque waist, the resergence of the mermaid silhouette, short veils with beading or lace appliques and off-the-shoulder necklines. She said the combination of white and gold is gaining in popularity within the bridal industry.

Special simcha story related by CJN reader

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

In response to The CJN's request for interesting or amusing stories related to simchas, an extraordinary event that happened recently at a bat mitzvah was told to us by Sheila (Goldberg) Seaton of Los Angeles.

Seaton, a former Torontonian, says that although she moved to Los Angeles in 1979 when her husband Morty Seaton, a vice-president of The Cadillac-Fairview Corp. Ltd., was relocated to set up the corporation's first office in Los Angeles, she continues to receive The CJN. She says, "I like to keep in touch with what's happening in Canada.

"California is Canada's fourth largest city, according to the Canadian consulate here," comments Seaton.

"After I read The CJN, I take it to the library at my temple, Sinai Temple in West Los Angeles for the other Canadians to read — there are so many Canadians living here now."

Seaton, who attended Vaughan Road Collegiate, told us this meaningful story:

In March, she attended a bat mitzvah of her cousin Rachel Brandt in New Jersey. Rachel's grandparents, on both sides, are Holocaust survivors.

After the service was concluded where the bat mitzvah read the haftorah on Rosh Chodesh, the mother of the bat mitzvah, Lilli Brandt, joined her youngest daughter Rachel on the bima. She also called up her other two daughters and the bat mitzvah's two grandmothers.

"The mother of the bat mitzvah made a very emotional speech on how she and her three lovely daughters were a testament to the failure of Hitler's regime to eliminate the Jews."

Seaton adds that "at a very moving and touching ceremony," the six of them lit candles and recited the prayer *chata 'aynu*.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the sanctuary," Seaton told The CJN on a recent visit to Toronto.

The Seatons have four children; Harold, 30, Barry, 29, Rhonda, 25, and Anne 24.

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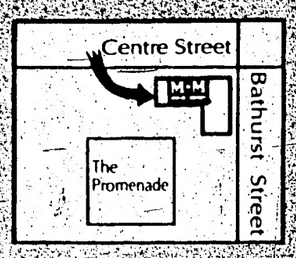

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Bridal registries are popular

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Bridal registries are not a thing of the past, experts in the industy claim. Whether the wedding is to be traditional or modern, most brides find registering a practical move for themselves and the wedding guests.

Ilene Bronsteter, president of Bronson's China & Gifts (881-9930), says that while bridal registries have always been popular, the industry has undergone drastic changes in the past few years.

She said that, on average, today's bride and groom are older and as such, the couple usually has most of what they need. Basically, the two households are combined into one and they register for formal flatware and dinnerware.

Bronsteter said that the bride usually has an everyday set with the basic casseroles but she requires silver serving sets and other items to complete the table top.

Bronson's has been in business for 11 years and during that time span there have been many changes. These days, Bronsteter said that the industry is seeing more bridal luncheons and teas rather than the traditional wedding shower.

Prices, too have altered. She said that brides can choose place settings that range anywhere from $20 to $500. However, on average, the brides choose more moderately priced sets out of consideration for the guests.

The popularity of bridal registries has increased with the number of second weddings. For these events, the couples are usually presented with gifts as opposed to cash, for the simple reason that because they are older, they are usually more financially secure than the younger couples.

Bronson's China & Gifts offers this attractive Barrymore set with a floral rim, is done in sheer ivory bone china which caters to traditional tastes.

Shanitha Muratori, a sales and bridal consultant at Ashley China Ltd., agrees that the popularity of registries is on the rise. The reason she cited is one of convenience for all involved. She said people today do not have the time to spend searching for a gift that the couple will like and need.

On the flip side, when the guests do use the registry, they are sure the gift will be appreciated because the bride has specifically requested it. Also, the duplication of gifts is not a problem.

Muratori said one trend seems to have the younger couples looking for sets that are usable. Dishes that are used for a barbeque double in the diningroom in a formal setting. In answer to this demand, manufacturers are supplying pieces with thinner bands and less elaborate overlays so sets can be mixed-and matched.

For the older brides, Muratori said that even if they have the formal place settings, many are wanting to update the look or they will register for frivolous items.

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Barbara Sversky, owner of the 12-year-old business, (formerly Samantha's in Bayview Village) said that while brides do not register with her store, they are asked to submit a list that states items of interest and personal taste.

Some of the more popular merchandise Sversky mentioned in her long line-up of gift items were ceramic flower arrangements, designer kettles, crystal candlesticks, serving utensils, planters, elaborate picture frames and silver casseroles.

Sversky said the selection is overwhelming and wedding guests are sure to find something that will please the couple.

She added that while she does not carry many of the traditional items and place settings, she does offer accessories that complement and complete the look of households.

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Emphasis on gloves

Wedding accessories help present a polished look

By
FRANCES KRAFT

Finding the right accessories to wear can make all the difference when a bride is trying to create a polished effect for her special day.

Rhinestone and pearl earrings are very popular among brides, says Maddalena Marchese, who, along with her cousins Marilyn and Sandra Titton, is a partner in Martet Accessories (857-1123).

Small and shiny is usually the order of the day for bridal earrings, although if the bride is wearing her hair long, Marchese will suggest a slightly larger earring.

Marchese recommends clip-on earrings, although she also carries styles for pierced ears. She finds that certain pierced styles tend to fall forward, but the same styles in clip-ons hang better. For increased comfort, Martet earrings are not heavy.

Martet carries a variety of earring styles, ranging in price from $10 to $45, and they will also custom-make earrings if you don't find what you're looking for. It takes about two days to make a sample pair, and there is no obligation to the customer if the style is one they think might interest other customers as well.

Custom-designed gloves are another option for the bride who wants to complete her look in a special way.

Yes, gloves are back!

Patrizia Maida of Confetti Imports said gloves are styled to emphasize femininity.

"What's new in gloves is that they exist," says Patrizia Maida of Confetti Imports (851-8058). After the '70s "look like man" era and the '80s "punk rock era," we're entering into an era of feminine, flouncy styles again, she said.

Confetti Imports carries "at least 15 styles for brides." Their gloves, imported from Europe and the United States, are available in 17 colors, making them suitable for bridesmaids as well.

Some of their gloves are "stretch satin," others are made of a silk-stocking-like fabric with designs such as polka dots. The stretch satin gloves are often adorned with crystals, seed beads or 3-D rosebuds.

Long gloves are more formal than wrist-length, and lend themselves to short-sleeved dresses, says Maida. Fingerless styles are also available.

Prices start at $22 for plain satin gloves and go up to over $100, depending on how elaborate they are.

For a custom look, says Maida, she can start with a plain glove and add touches such as applique, gathers or rosettes to match a wedding gown. "Everything looks so perfect when you're wearing a glove that's made to go with your outfit."

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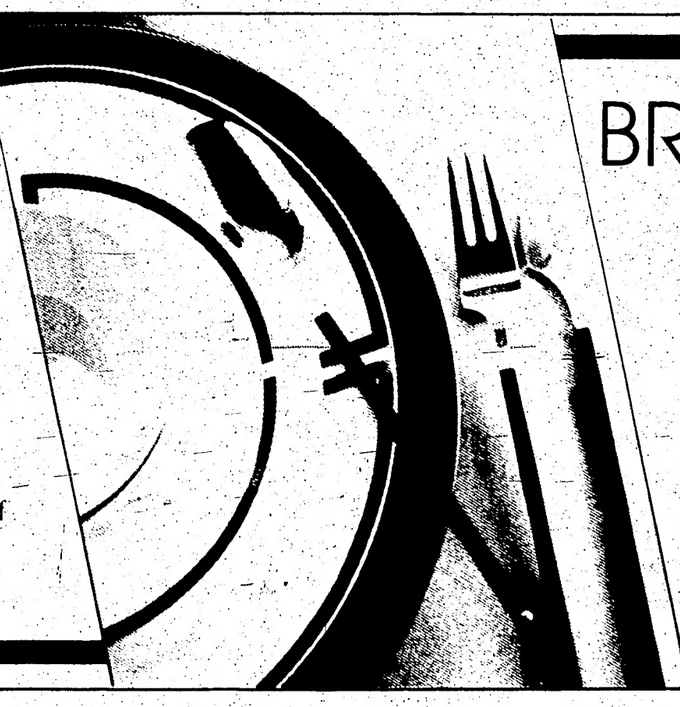

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From white to blush pink

Designers present simple gowns ...

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

This Lesley Giles design illustrates simplicity. She said gowns with classic lines and little detailing are popular.

"Something old and something new ..."

This line is one always associated with the attire of brides, and this year, wedding gown designers seem to be following the old adage.

Despite the styling influence — American or European — the designing trends seems to be combining the basic style of old with a twist of the new.

Lesley Giles, owner of the Lesley Giles Bridal Studio (886-0524), said the trend seems to be one that speaks of simplicity and understated elegance. She added that simple, classic lines with a touch of French lace for detailing is popular for the coming season.

However, perhaps one of the strongest trends in the industry that Giles has seen is the move from white to blush pink. She said brides are beginning to realize that they should go after the colors that suit them.

Giles added that more women are realizing that white only suits those who normally wear winter colors, and therefore, for those who do not fit into that category, the shades of ivory or blush provide other options.

The designer also mentioned that silk is becoming one of the most popular fabrics with which to design. This trend held true despite the recession. Giles attributed this to the fact that silk is becoming more widely used in the regular fashion industry.

As to styling, both Giles and Ines DiSanto, owner of Chez Moi Fashions (856-9115), agree that the ballet length is popular.

DiSanto added that while the demand is still there for the traditional, full-length gowns, the younger brides tend to prefer a shorter skirt.

She added that anything off-the-shoulder is also popular for the season. The sleeves vary anywhere from short and tight to the full, puffy variety. To complement the short sleeves, gloves have made a strong comeback.

As far as headpieces are concerned, DiSanto said she is seeing more headpieces than veils for the season. Giles added that tiaras are making a strong comeback too.

Giles said that those brides who choose the full veil are saying no to the full train.

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Headpieces and tiaras are popular

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These sketches by Lesley Giles show popular trends such as collars that are off-the-shoulder, simple sleeves and gowns that are worn with gloves.

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Anna D'Alimonte of Personal Touch Fashions, said ruffles are out; simplicity is in for bridesmaid gowns.

Bridesmaid's outfits are simple

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Those who have been given the honor of representing the bride on her special day will need to know what to expect when shopping for the perfect bridesmaid dress.

Perhaps it is not so surprising to find that the trends for bridesmaid dresses echo those that are prevalent in the bridal wear industry.

Anna D'Alimonte, owner of Personal Touch Fashions (748-3122), said that lines are clean and simple. She said ruffles and frills are few and far between for the coming season.

Instead, color has been used to express originality. The colors of the dresses have travelled from the pastels to the jewel tones. D'Alimonte cited deep purple as the most popular shade.

Cocktail length

The fashionable lengths for today's bridesmaids set hemlines just above or below the knee.

She said necklines are open and off-the-shoulder. Sleeves are either tight-fitting or a loose chiffon. She added that the puff has been taken out of the bridesmaid dresses.

D'Alimonte attributed this drastic change to the fact that most bridesmaids want an outfit that they will be able to wear again without having to pay extra for massive alterations.

Another trend D'Alimonte cited was the fact that brides no longer single out the maid-of-honor with a different dress. Today, this is done with different flowers or a headpiece.

Brenda Porteous, manager of the bridal shop called I Do, I Do (463-5858), said that cotton, floral bridesmaid dresses are extremely popular for summer.

Besides the fact that the outfits are cool to wear during the hot months, the bridesmaids are able to wear the outfit again. This is also true for dressy suits.

She said that bold patterns that combine shades of green, purple and pink are popular.

To complete the look, Porteous said a floral headpiece or hat can be worn along with gloves that complete the picture. Overall, she added, the dresses themselves are simple; the accessories are making the outfits.

She also agreed that the most popular styles are shorter in length, off-the-shoulder with short or half sleeves. Porteous said that for the most part bows are detachable while backs are detailed with criss-crosses or triangular cut outs.

Quality photographs preserve simcha memories

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Your family and friends will thank you for the memories of your simcha if you preserve these memories with good quality photographs.

Photographer Gina-Rae Horvath (466-6595) says that in order to ensure that you will be happy with the pictures of your wedding, bar mitzvah or anniversary party, shop around a little before you choose the photographer. "First assure yourself that the photographer is a competent professional and then make sure that she listens to your needs. You must hire someone who will give your event individual attention, not treat it like every other party she has done this year."

Photography by Ferne captures the emotions of the day in this photo.

She says that when studying a photographer's portfolio, one can tell if she has given a lot of attention to detail. "If a lot of the pictures are the same you can tell they are being mass produced. Look for some individuality and passion in a photographer's work."

She adds that in order to photograph weddings, the photographer must have a high level of sensitivity to the wedding party and guests. "A wedding is a happening in itself and not happening just to be photographed, so the photographer must be discreet. She must not interfere with the event."

More important, says Horvath, a wedding should not be choreographed. "It is a photographer's job to capture a wedding, not have it created. The magic of a wedding must be captured spontaneously."

As for the ceremony, Horvath feels the photographer should find out the synagogue or hall's policy on flashes. "A ceremony is not the time to have the photographer leaping all around and distracting the wedding party and guests. As well, immediately after the ceremony is not the time to have people lined up for photographs. There must be a time lapse so people have to chance to enjoy the magic of the ceremony."

Ferne Snider, of Photographer by Ferne (785-9700), agrees that a professional photographer will do her best not to interfere with a simcha. "Photographers should be seen and heard as little as possible. They are not there to mingle or socialize with the guests."

She said that it is of the utmost importance for a photographer to arrive at a simcha with back-up equipment.

When it comes to budgeting for a photographer, Horvath says it is a personal decision how much of the cost of the affair should be budgeted towards photography. "Some people see photography as a great priority and others would like to put their money somewhere else. If it is important, however, to look back on the affair and know that you did the best you could, you should budget a reasonable amount of money."

She stresses that if you do not have a lot of money budgeted towards photography "go for quality rather than quantity and the memories will be worth remembering. Quantity does not necessarily mean a good deal. It is much better to have fewer but good pictures."

Horvath says that when one approaches a photographer for the first time, have some figure in mind that you are prepared to spend on photography so the photographer can give you some idea on what you will get for your money.

"Also get a commitment from the photographer as to her charges so you do not get a nasty surprise when the pictures are ready."

Snider stresses that people should not shop for a photographer by telephone. "Prospective clients should see samples of a photographer's work so they can intelligently judge if her work, personality and price will suit their needs."

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One-stop party shops supply all

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

You want to make a party but you don't know where to begin? Your first and only stop should be at a one-stop party shop.

Tony Moffs, owner of Party Market (882-2552) says that one-stop shops can provide "anything for anything. We supply everything from cards to garters to pom poms to cake wrap for guests to take home wedding cake."

As well Party Market can brighten up a room with balloon decorations. "I've made balloon arches and all kinds of sculptures. For my own son's bar mitzvah I made 6 foot high balloon initials behind the head table. For a wedding we may create a balloon heart or arches through which the newlywed couple enters the room."

Parties follow budgets

Mel Grevler, owner of Party Supply Depot (764-5457), says that a one-stop shop should offer service before anything else. "An important service is helping people keep to a budget by suggesting alternatives to what they may want but really cannot afford. For instance a client may have a certain kind of expensive napkin in mind but not realize a less expensive napkin may serve the same purpose."

He adds that another way a client can save money is by renting out the helium tank to blow up balloons and decorating a room themselves. "We are happy to decorate a room but if a client wants to do it herself that is fine with us."

Tony Moffs says that if balloons are not a client's preference he is able to recommend florists who will come in and decorate a party. "We also recommend caterers for any type of food and bakers to create fancy pastries and cakes."

When asked what the first thing should be when planning a party, Moffs said "come in and see me. We will arrange for the invitations, help establish a theme and provide all the trappings for a certain type of party including centrepieces, tablewear and party favors."

Grevler says that among the favorite centrepieces he has created was one for a kids baseball theme party where he put together a bat, ball and baseball card piece sitting on a tray filled with candies "so kids could do more than look at the centrepiece. They could eat part of it."

He stresses, however that more than what he can supply, it is the service that one-stop shops offer that make throwing a party so much easier. "It is always easier if someone sits down with the hosts and helps them create a party that is in keeping with a strict budget. It is also comforting to know that there is someone who will decorate a room if decorating is not a host's strong point."

Moffs adds that at a time of life when hosts are busy working, taking care of children and fulfilling a number of other obligations "anything that can be made easier is welcomed. Instead of spending valuable time running from an invitation shop to a tablewear rental company to a person who can decorate the party, they have everything under one roof. Think of the time they save."

Party Market brightens up a room with balloons.

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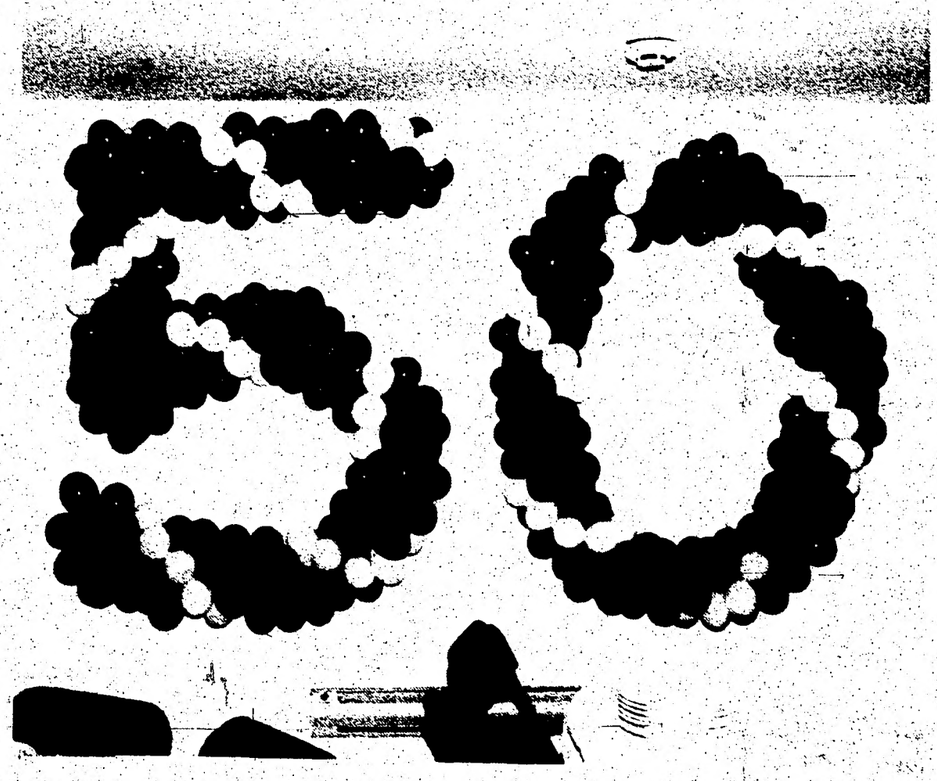

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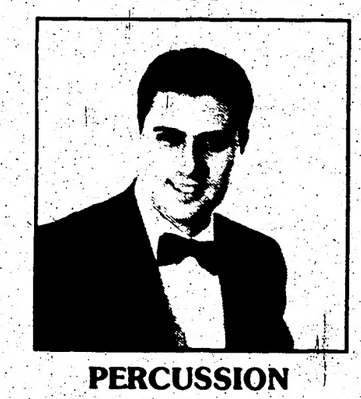

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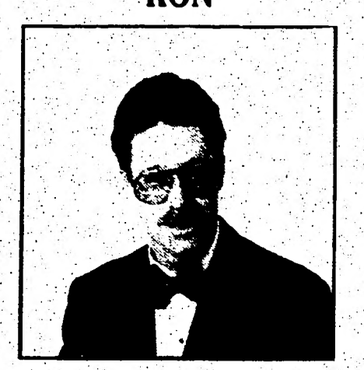

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Tips on how to pack a safe picnic

Enjoy the great outdoors this summer with a picnic. From simple to sophisticated, picnics go with robust activities like sailing and canoeing but are equally appropriate for relaxing by a fishing stream, on the patio or at an outdoor concert.

Whatever your picnic pleasure and what ever it takes you, remember that warm summer weather always brings concerns about food safety. So, keep your picnics safe as well as delicious with these tips:

• When preparing picnic foods, keep hands, utensils, cutting boards and counters scrupulously clean. Prevent cross-contamination by using different cutting boards for raw and cooked foods. After each use, clean utensils thoroughly with hot soapy water or a mild chlorine bleach solution (1 tsp. chlorine bleach to 4 cups water).

• Refrigerate foods soon after cooking and chill thoroughly, at least 2 to 4 hours, before packing for a picnic.

• Pack raw and cooked foods separately and wrap well to prevent juices from dripping onto other foods.

• Furthermore, pack hot and cold foods separately. Keep foods cold in a cooler or insulated bag with lots of frozen freezer packs. Layers of newspaper provide good heat insulation for hot in a separate insulated container. Place all foods in sturdy plastic containers or sealable plastic bags.

• To prevent bacteria growth, keep hot foods hot — above 140F (60C); and cold foods cold — below 40F (4C). Protein foods such as meat, poultry, egg, fish and milk products are particularly susceptible to bacteria growth so use extra care when preparing and carrying these foods.

• When outdoors, keep food in a shady spot and don't leave too long before serving.

• Before returning home, discard perishables that have been at a warm temperature for several hours. hours.

Picnic Fare

Perfect picnic meals include not only those foods you enjoy but those that travel well. In warm weather, chilled foods are usually preferred. It's much easier and safer to keep cold foods cold than hot food hot.

Sandwiches go to many a picnic, for good reason! They provide variety, are easy to pack and appeal to everyone, particularly the younger set.

When it comes to packing food for children, picnics are not the time to try unusual items. Stick to favorite foods — even if it's the inevitable peanut butter sandwich. Pita breads make interesting pocket sandwiches for a variety of fillings. To avoid soggy pockets, consider carrying fillings separately and fill the pita on the spot.

Most picnickers, kids included, like the crunch of raw veggies which are easy to pack. Prepared salads, cheeses and crackers are other favorites.

For dessert, freeze individually packaged fruit yogurts before you leave. Packed in your cooler, they'll keep things cool until meal time when the yogurts will still be partially frozen for a frosty finish to your meal. Luscious fruits of the season — plump peaches, plums and berries — are another simple, delicious picnic sweet.

Presentation is as important as the food. Include bright, colorful cloth napkins and reusable plastic plates and cups. Do remember the essentials — cutlery, blanket, insect repellent and a garbage bag for the final cleanup.

Sultry summer days increase thirsts, so be sure to bring along abundant chilled beverages like naturally refreshing and cooling iced tea. It's inexpensive, easy to make ahead and tote to your picnic site. Keep a jug in the fridge for a quick, cooling sip then pour it into a thermal jug with a few frozen tea cubes to keep it cool for picnics.

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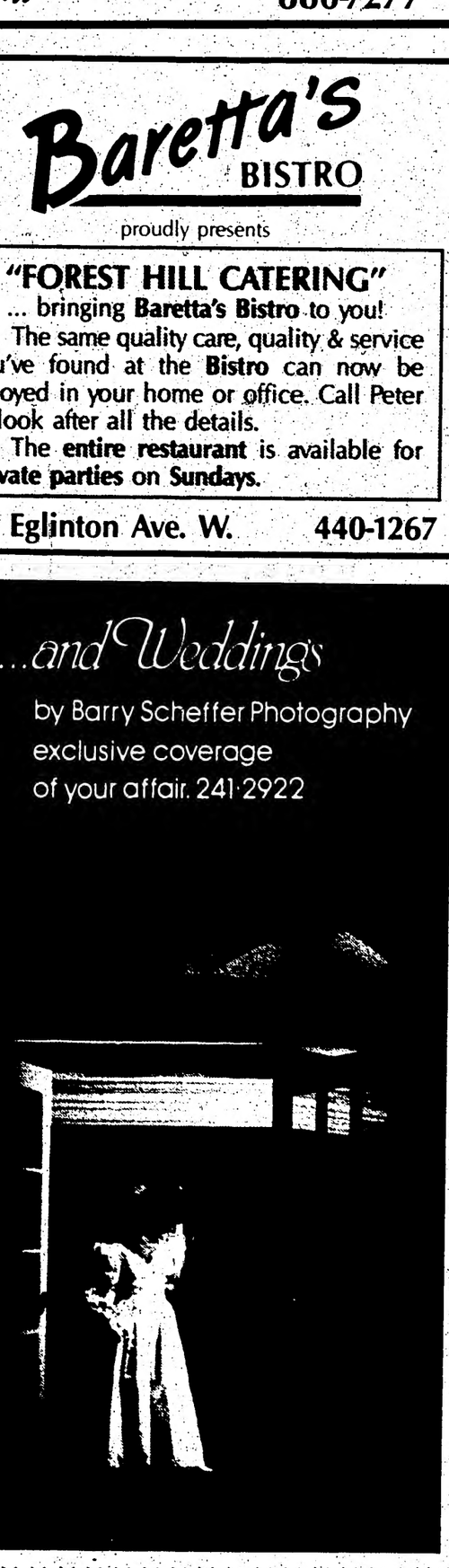

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Party places offer fun for children

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Tired of scraping icing off your walls and ice cream from the carpets after your child's birthday party? There are several alternatives to home parties you may just find interesting.

Crafts are always a favorite at birthday parties, but many parents just do not have the know-how or the inclination to clean up after a particularly messy craft. That's where The Art Playhouse steps in.

At the Art Playhouse, (488-0244) trained instructors help the birthday guests embark on a number of crafts ranging from painting plastic moulds to designing a pair of running shoes or T-shirts.

"We have a series of about 75 moulds from which the parents or children can choose. For a set price per child she can paint it and have it shellacked," says owner Adrienne Friedland.

"The philosophy behind The Art Playhouse is that children need opportunities to express themselves, to be inventive, original and unique and to experiment with activities where there is no right or wrong answer. That is why, when a child selects a mould to paint, we are there merely to guide her, not to tell her what color it should be painted," says Friedland.

She says that since she opened for business in October the response has been "fantastic. People were looking for something different to do for kid's parties and crafts are always a favorite."

The party, which takes 1½ hours, consists of making the craft, having lunch and birthday cake and if desired some form of entertainment can be arranged. "We even have toys for those kids who finish their craft early," says Friedland.

She says that 1½ hours seems to be the perfect length for any type of birthday party. "Anything that takes longer than that really doesn't hold the kids' attention — especially younger kids. They can really go rangy if they have free time at the end of an activity."

The Art Playhouse is also open for weekend activities for kids and their parents.

Those looking for something more physical may want to try miniature golf at Tropi-Golf (882-6342). For a set price per child, guests partake in two rounds of golf, play some video games and have lunch or supper and birthday cake.

Manager Chris Desjardins says Tropi-Golf "is the only indoor miniature golf course in Canada that I know of and it is really taking off. Kids, teenagers and even adults have a ball golfing."

Desjardins, who designed the tropical setting for the golf course says the life size palm trees, birds, tigers, elephant and rhinocerous all blend into the jungle scene painted on the walls "so as to give golfers a real tropical feeling."

Tropi-Golf can accommodate up to 25 people at a time for a party and takes children from age four. "We have had several teenage parties and even a bank came in for a work party."

He says that depending on the age group, some parties become competitive and others are just for fun. "Smaller kids just have fun golfing while teenagers may want to compete. That is why the course is fine for a variety of ages," says Desjardins.

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"It's a mini Las Vegas revue done for a party size," said Ray Nieves, co-owner of R.M Entertainment (532-5386).

"Yet it appeals to adults too," Michael Freud, Nieves' partner, adds. "The entire audience will participate both on and off the stage."

The stage is a mini-concert setup, complete with flashing and revolving lights, smoke and bubble machines. "It's like a Madonna concert reduced to scale," Nieves said.

Participation is the key to this show. Everybody gets involved. At one point the childs' father is dressed up as James Brown and sings *I Feel Good.*

"Everybody is doing something," Freud said. "The actual production is very fast-paced."

Along with a master of ceremonies, R.M Entertainment provides four "very hip" teenage dancers who constantly entice the guests to join in.

"The audience and entertainers particpate together," Nieves said. "The master of ceremonies gets the people all hyped up."

There are different themes incorporated throughout the show: A Dick Tracy theme where the dancers, dressed in slick yellow raincoats, hand hand out hats to the party goers and dance to Madonna's Vogue. A Greased Lightning theme where the dancers and the bar mitzvah kid don black jackets and mimic the dance movements from the garage scene in *Grease*. Sometimes there's even an appearance by The New Rabbis On The Block who sing a rap ditty called *Oy, It's So Humid* (it's like a sauna).

"During the quiet moments," Freud said. "We interview the guests who leave a message for the bar mitzvah child."

The whole event is videotaped and Freud suggests you book at least two months in advance.

Other companies that supply party entertainment are:
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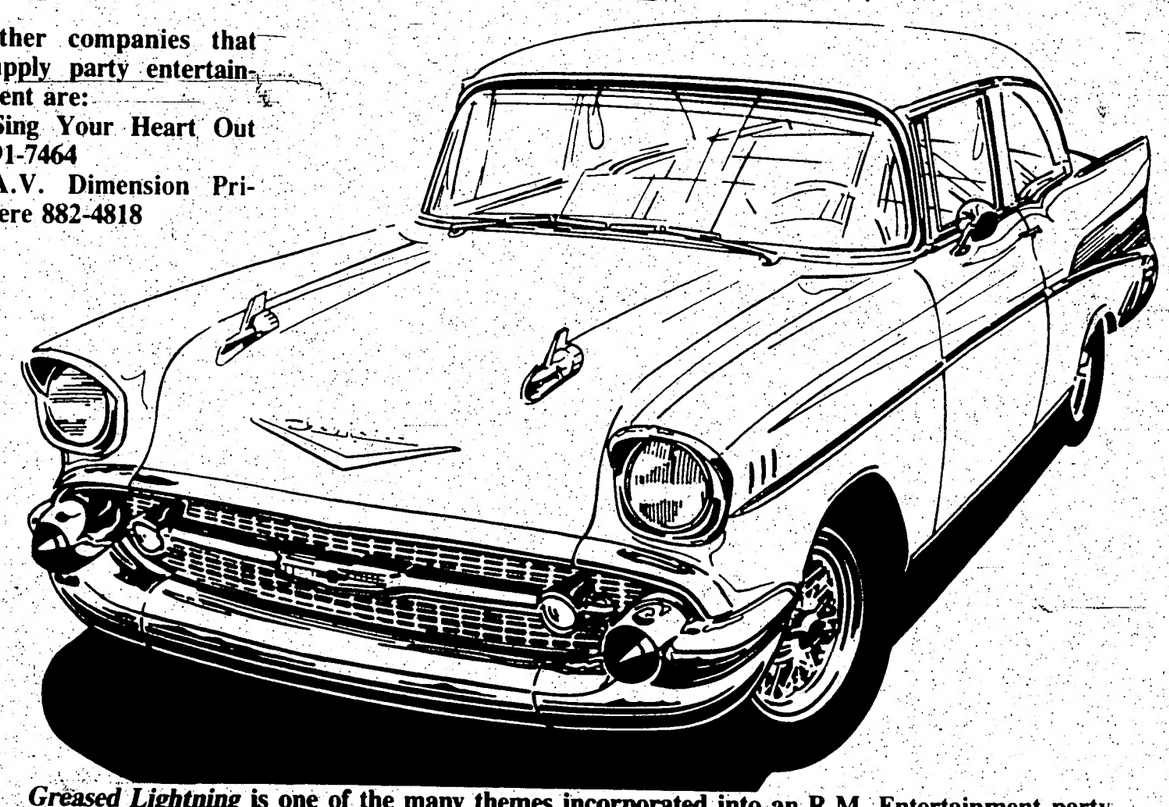

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Helpful household suggestions

McCormick Canada Inc. offers a multitude of spice usage tips to members of the Dinner Club, the new free consumer club for dining and entertaining ideas they've recently introduced. To join the Dinner Club, call the Membership Hotline, 1-800-265-2600. Here are just a few of the tips the Dinner Club offers that will make the foods you prepare extra special:

• Tie bundles of cinnamon sticks with tartan ribbon; nestle in among pine cones and shiny red apples in a basket or antique wooden bowl for a warm "country" centrepiece.

• Make your own potpourri with a selection of spices such as whole cloves, allspice, cracked nutmeg and broken cinnamon sticks, tied up in a pretty mesh fabric. Distribute as table favors to guests at your next dinner party.

• Make Honey Spice Butter, place in a pretty crock or bowl and present as a hostess gift along with some homemade muffins or quick bread. Combine ½ cup (125 mL) soft butter with 2 tsp. (10 mL) honey, ½ tsp. (2 mL) cinnamon and 1/8 tsp. (0.5 mL) nutmeg. Makes ½ cup (125 mL).

• Paprika Butter is a must for seasoning vegetables such as cauliflower, onions or potatoes. Combine ½ cup (125 mL) soft butter with 1 tsp. (5 mL) paprika, 1 tsp. (5 mL) lemon juice, ¼ tsp. (1 mL) salt and a dash of black or white pepper. It's also great spread over chicken (using parve margarine instead of butter) or fish before broiling.

• If you like ginger, try Ginger Cream Dressing on your next fruit salad: add ½ tsp. (2 mL) ginger to 1 cup (250 mL) heavy cream; whip until stiff. Fold in ¼ cup (50 mL) each chopped dates and nuts.

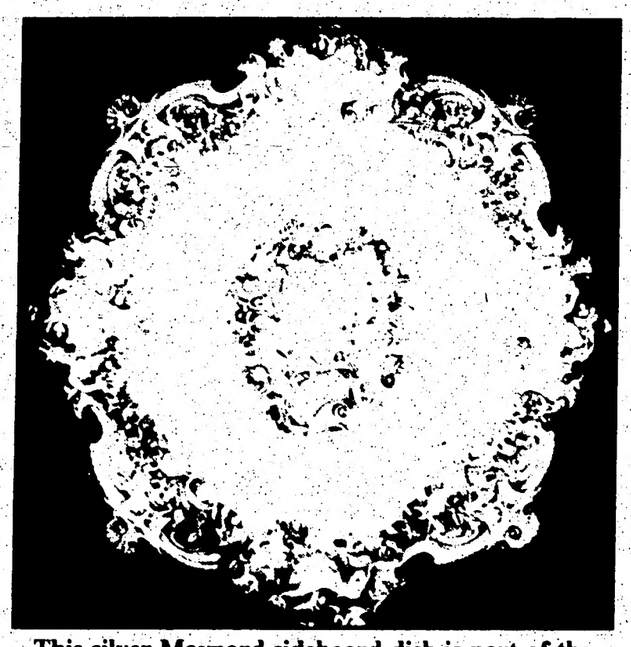
Silver expert tips collectors

Whether it is for a silver wedding anniversary, a commemorative plaque or a token of affection, silver has always stood the test of time.

For those who are trying to buy a silver piece to suit a private collection as a gift, the senior vice-president and head of the silver department in Christie's New York has some advice.

Christopher Hartop says that the market for antique silver is a stable one, adding that it is separate from the market for silver bullion and the art market.

He believes this market is special because it is supported by a healthy mixture of trade and private collectors and it is not prone to the fluctuations that plague some other areas of collecting.



This silver Maynard sideboard dish is part of the Hilmar Reksten Collection.

Hartop offers the following tips to current collectors or those considering collecting silver:

• Determine an area of interest and buy within it, and also, try to limit your interests to a particular time period.

• Buy only the best you can afford. Mediocre pieces do not sell well. If and when you come to resell it, you will reap the benefits.

• Unlimited funds are still available for the top end pieces and for those fine and truly rare items.

• Paul Storr is still at the top of the market. But many of his contemporaries produced silver of excellent quality which sells for less money. Silver-gilt is doing well at auction today.

• Art Deco pieces from the 1920s to the 1940s are proving popular with younger buyers. George Jensen sells well and is usually reasonably priced at auctions.

• Auctions are a good source of silver for general domestic use.

Cool recipes for summer dining

SWEET 'N' SOUR CABBAGE SALAD

Spruce up any family or entertaining menu with a tangy new combination of red and green Ontario cabbage with peanuts and an oriental-style dressing. And the fact that cabbage is high in Vitamin C is an added benefit to this tasty, colorful salad.

Salad:

2 cups sliced Ontario Red Cabbage
2 cups sliced Ontario Green Cabbage
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 cup bean sprouts
½ cup sliced leek

Dressing:

¼ cup vegetable oil
2 tbsp. lemon juice
2 tbsp. honey
1 tbsp. soy sauce
1 tsp. ground ginger

Garnish:

Peanuts, lightly sauteed in vegetable oil thinly sliced leeks (¼ green part closest to white part).

Salad:

In large salad bowl, toss together red and green cabbage, mushrooms, bean sprouts and leek.

Dressing:

In small bowl, combine dressing ingredients and mix well. Add dressing to salad; toss.

Garnish:

Top salad with peanuts and leek slices. Makes 6 servings.

Preparation time: 15 minutes.

Sweet'N' Sour Cabbage Salad can spruce up a summer entertaining meal.

APPLE BEEF STIR-FRY

For a deliciously different twist from dessert, try featuring Ontario apples in a main course meal. McIntosh apples add a sweetly-tart flavor to this savory stir-fry that can be prepared and on the table in under 40 minutes.

¾ lb. beef, cut in thin strips
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
6 medium mushrooms, sliced
2 Ontario onions, halved and sliced
1 stalk celery, sliced
1 small green, red or yellow pepper, cut in thin strips
1 clove garlic, chopped
2 cups spinach leaves, in bite-size pieces
3 Ontario McIntosh Apples, cored and sliced

Marinade:

½ cup beef stock
1 tbsp. soy sauce
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. cornstarch
½ tsp. dried basil
¼ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper

Combine marinade ingredients in small bowl; add beef strips and set aside.

Heat 1 tbsp. (14 mL) oil in wok or large skillet, over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms, onions, celery and green pepper; stir-fry for 5 minutes. Add garlic and stir-fry 2 minutes until all vegetables are softened. Remove vegetables from wok; keep warm. Add remaining 1 tbsp. (15 mL) oil to wok and heat. Using slotted spoon, remove beef strips from marinade, reserving marinade. Stir-fry beef strips 5 minutes or until beef is just rare. Return vegetables to wok and stir-fry all together for 2 minutes. Add cabbage, apples and remaining marinade; stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes until well combined and sauce is thickened. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Prepare time: 20 minutes.

Cooking time: 17 minutes.

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A deli platter is always a popular choice for smart party givers. For an unusual condiment, try mixing parve mayonnaise with kosher chutney (2 tablespoons chutney, 1 cup mayonnaise) for a slightly sweet yet tangy dip or spread. Of course, horseradish mayonnaise (mayonnaise mixed with a little lemon juice and grated horseradish) is perfect for the heartier flavors such as turkey pastrami or turkey salami. Dark turkey slices are excellent filled with well-drained coleslaw, rolled up and secured with a tooth pick.

Marvin's Kielbasa

1 package kosher kielbasa
kosher honey

Slice kielbasa into slices the thickness of a nickel or slightly thicker. Brush with warm honey, run under the broiler until hot.

Best Chopped Liver

1 lb. kosher chicken livers
2 cloves garlic
2 tbsp. kosher cognac
2 tablespoons kosher rendered chicken fat
1 stick parve margarine
2 onions, chopped
Salt, pepper

Broil liver. Turn and broil second side. Meanwhile, melt 2 tablespoons rendered chicken fat in a pan and saute the onion and minced garlic until golden. In a food processor, add the livers, the margarine at room temperature (cut into smaller pieces), garlic/onion mixture. Chop with on-off motion until desired consistency is reached. Season with pepper, salt to taste.

Saucy Hot Dogs

1 package kosher hot dogs
1 small can crushed pineapple
2 tbsp. water
1 can parve cherry pie filling
1 scant tbsp. corn starch

Cut hot dogs into bite sized pieces. Heat pie filling and pineapple in saucepan, mix water and corn starch separately in small bowl. Stir into heated mixture. Stir until thickened to a glaze. Add sliced franks, heat through. Serve warm.

Honeyed Turkey Pastries

1 pound kosher ground turkey
2 tbsp. oil
1 tbsp. minced garlic
1½ tsp. pepper
Cayenne pepper or hot sauce
½ cup drained canned tomatoes
¼ cup raisins
1 cup finely chopped onion
2 tsp. salt
½ tsp. ground cinnamon
⅓ cup honey
1 pack parve phyllo pastry

Cover the raisins with hot water, allow to plump up. Drain and set aside. Heat oil in skillet and add onion and garlic, saute until transparent and remove. Add the turkey, cook until no longer pink. Add remaining ingredients, including the raisins and saute for about 5 minutes. Cool.

Follow directions on back of frozen phyllo dough. Allow about 2 tbsp. of filling for each pocket, making triangle shaped pockets. Bake at 375 degrees for about 20 minutes or until golden. Recipe may be doubled and frozen for later use!

FOR THE DAIRY PARTY

Chanukah customarily highlights potato latkes. Highlight a dairy party with triangular or mini latkes, parve egg rolls, new Empire Pizza Twists (egg roll dough filled with cheese and tangy tomato sauce) either plain or with mushrooms, and top your party off with Blintz Souffle.

Empire Blintz Souffle

2 packs Blintzes (12)
¼ stick parve margarine, melted
4 eggs
1½ cups dairy sour cream
¼ cup sugar
1 tbsp. vanilla

Put melted margarine in a pan that will just hold the blintzes. Arrange blintzes in single layer, making sure to completely fill the pan. Beat remaining ingredients until light and frothy. Pour over blintzes and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour. Cut in squares and serve. Allow 2 blintzes per serving.

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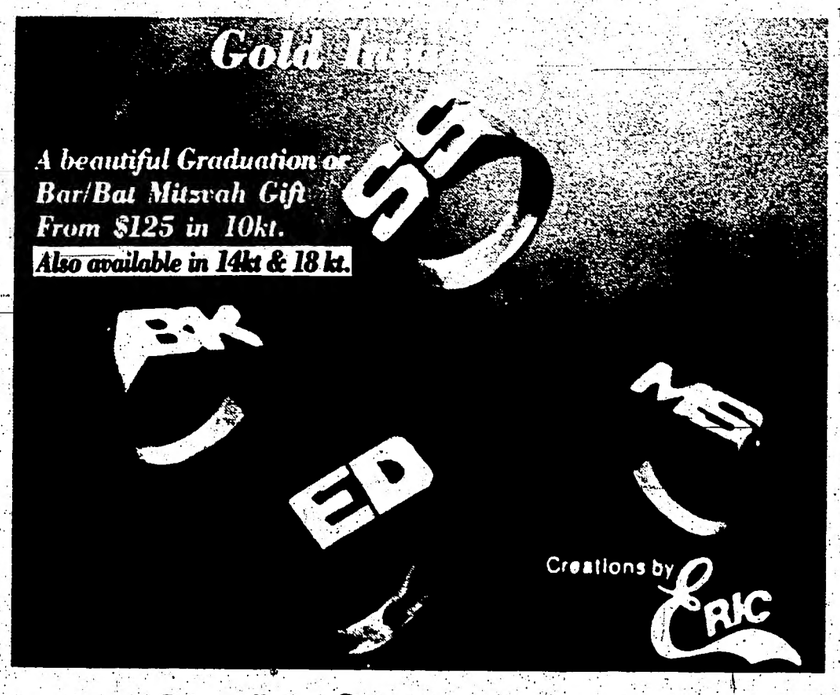

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Cut down on work by holding a "shared party"

Organization offers interesting entertaining tips

The list of ideas for an interesting entertaining theme is only as limited as your imagination. The entertaining experts at the Dinner Club, the new free consumer club for dining, meal and entertaining ideas introduced by McCormick Canada, have a number of suggestions you may try for your next get-togther.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are a great way to entertain a large number of people and can stimulate some lively conversation. An interesting array of hot and cold nibblers is essential but can be a lot of preparation for the hostess. Make it a "shared party". Ask each guest or couple to bring their favorite hors d'oeuvre. You supply the beverages, special serving dishes if required and pretty cocktail napkins. Depending on the size of your party, this can result in a wide and varied assortment of tidbits.

For fun, you can even ask guests to vote on the most popular offering.

Instead of a complete dinner party, host a coffee and dessert party. You have a number of options.

If you're particularly talented in creating sweet sensations and have the time, prepare a variety of desserts — mouses, cheesecake, fruitflans and anything chocolate are popular. (Many of these can be prepared days ahead to be frozen or regrigerated.)

Favorite dessert

As well, you could enlist the aid of friends and ask each guest to contribute a favorite dessert.

Complete the evening with some good coffee (try flavoring it with vanilla or cinnamon), or serve espresso and capuccino. It is a good idea to offer regular and decaffeinated.

A dip-in party as opposed to a drop-in party can be an easy idea for informal entertaining. Dips are socialble and everyone enjoys the dip and dunk ritual.

Start the evening off with a selection of tasty dips and spreads along with vegetables and assorted breads and crackers. Then move on to the special fondue. There's a Swiss fondue, where chunks of crusty bread are dipped into melted Gruyere and Emmenthal cheese laced with kirsh; fondue bourguinon in which bite-size pieces of top-quality beef are cooked in hot oil then flavored with a variety of tasty sauces; or the Italian bagna cauda where crisp, raw vegetables are dipped briefly into a mixture of hot butter and olive oil flavored with garlic and anchovies.

You can serve several fondues, set them out in different locations of the room and have guests rotate to try them all.

Skewered meats are famous in all parts of the world. They're called kebabs in Turkey and the Middle East; brochettes in France and North Africa; and sates in the Far East and Polynesia. In all cases, they're tender bite-sized pieces of meat, fish or poultry, first marinated and then threaded on a skewer and grilled.

They're easy to make and most of the preparation is done ahead of time. The actual cooking takes only minutes.

According to the experts at the Dinner Club, the secret to a good kebab lies in the marinade. Try this simple recipe which works equally well for beef, lamb, chiken and fish.

Combine 4 tbsp each olive oil and lemon juice with 2 tsp finely chopped parsley, 2 crumbled bay leaves, 1/2 small onion chopped, or 1/4 tsp garlic powder, salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Prepare the kebabs and marinate early in the day. Then, at the party, put out selection of accompaniments such as cherry tomatoes, mushrooms, thickly sliced zucchini, green and red pepper squares and get everyone involved in making their own kebabs.

When it somes to entertaining, why not show off you talents? If you have a kitchen hobby such as making homemade sausage or wine, highlight your efforts at a special summer barbecue. It is a good idea to offer a variety of sausage, with or without garlic, spicy and mild, to suit all tastes.

Round out the menu with crusty rolls and ratatouille, a flavorful combination of tomatoes, eggplant, onions, zucchini, herbs and spices, served hot or cold.

To join the Dinner Club, call the membership hotline. 1-800-265-2600, and a welcome package full of new food and entertaining ideas will be sent to you.

A dessert party featuring a variety of sweet sensations is one of many fun and practical entertaining ideas.

Recipe calls for fresh vegetables

CUCUMBER NOODLE SALAD WITH CHUNKY TOMATO VINAIGRETTE

2 Ontario Greenhouse Cucumbers, unpeeled and cut in half lengthwise
2 Ontario Greenhouse Tomatoes, unpeeled, seeded and coarsely chopped
2 tbsp. finely diced red onion
3 tbsp. kosher red wine vinegar
2 tbsp. olive or vegetable oil
½ tsp. crumbled dried basil
¼ tsp. each crumbled dried oregano and marjoram
Pinch crumbled dried thyme
Salt and pepper

Scoop out seeds in centre of cucumbers. Using vegetable peeler, peel cut side of cucumber lengthwise to make long, thin slices. From leftover peel, cut off a few slivers with zester or sharp knife to set aside as garnish. (Cucumber noodles can be prepared up to one hour ahead, put in sieve set over bowl and refrigerated.)

In bowl, toss tomatoes with onion. In separate bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, basil, oregano, marjoram and thyme; season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour over tomato mixture; toss to coat well. (Vinaigrette can be prepared a few hours ahead, covered and refrigerated.)

To serve, arrange nests of cucumber noodles on 6 individual plates. Evenly spoon vinaigrette into centre of each. Garnish with reserved cucumber peel. Makes 6 servings.

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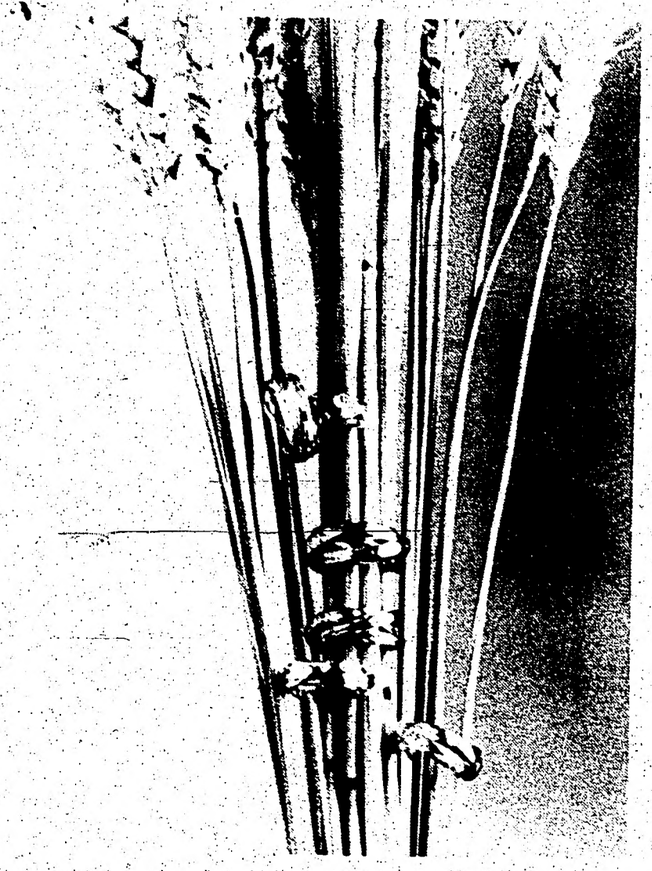

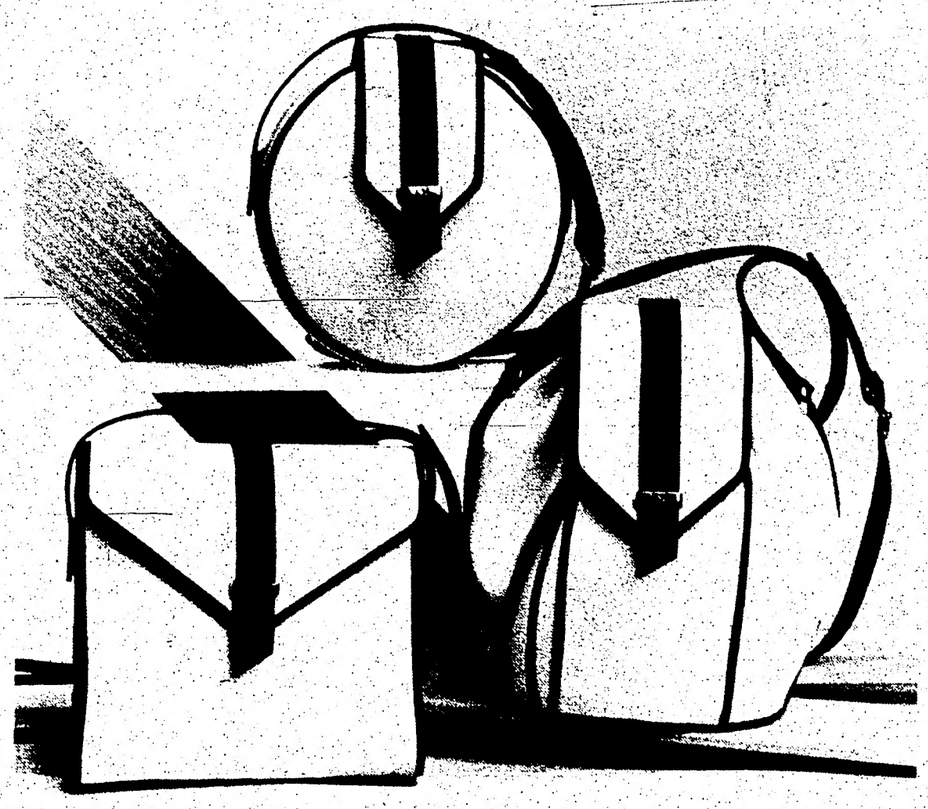

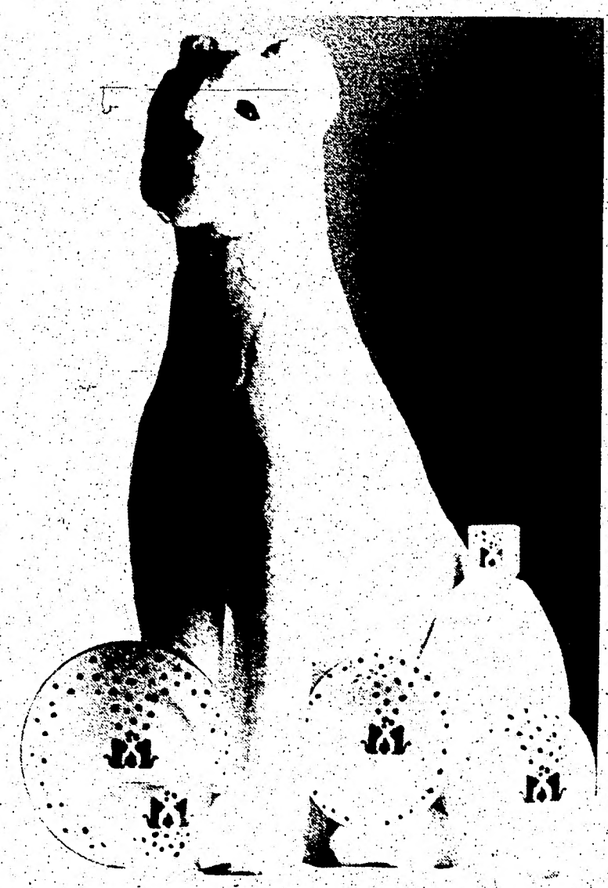

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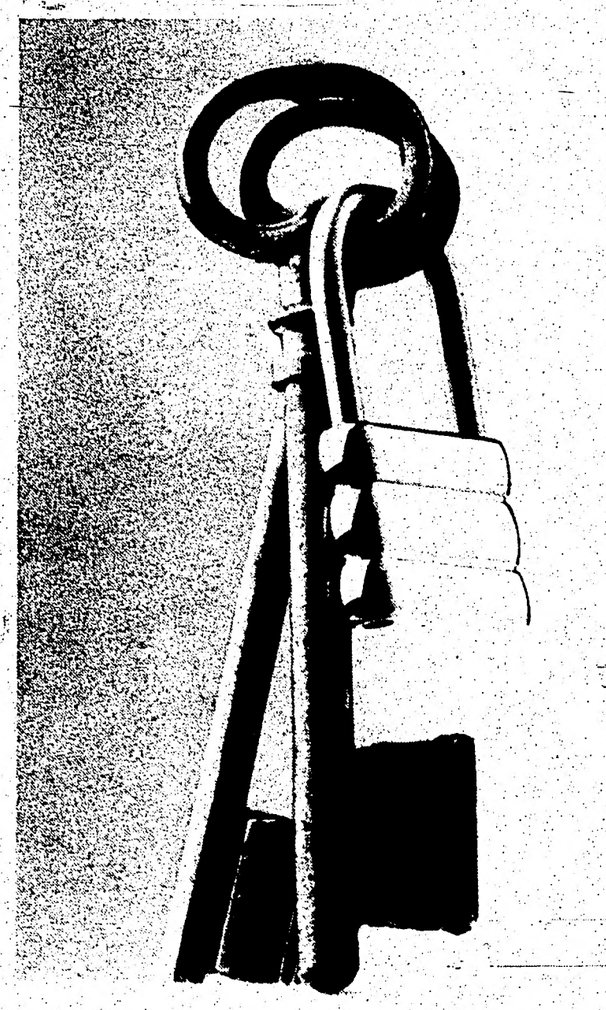

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